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TARGET:

GP-100-SU-OPS
27 March 1944
Bordeaux/Merignac100TH BOMB GROUP (H) MISSION NUMBER 137.

Field Order Number: 189

Primary Target: Bordeaux/Merignac A/D.

Secondary & Last Resort: Any aerodrome positively identified as not being near a built up area.

Duty Officer: Lt. Juster.

Officers' Briefing: Major Shaw.

Gunners' Briefing: Capt. Bowman.

Time of Briefing: 0430

Time of Take Off: 0830

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Result: Completed.

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MISSION FOLDER CHECK LIST

1. Warning order, field order, annexes

Target maps & illustrations:

- Briefing information: a) Main Briefing
 b) Gunners' briefing.
 c) Camera installations
 d) Authorized lists of admission.

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2. Formation chart;

Interrogation Forms;

- Combat forms & a) Letter of transmittal
 b) 3rd B.D. evaluated encounters letter,
 c) Evaluated Encounters ltr, 3rd B.D. to Station S-1

3. A/C Returning early:

Hot News (A/C in distress, and shipping)

Statistical Telephone

Narrative telephone or teletype

Intelligence Report

Aircraft landing Away

PRO Reports

- Miscellaneous reports a) Medical
 b) Equipment malfunctions
 c) Crew suggestions to C.O.
 d) Battle damage
 e) Sortie information
 f) Flak

Missing A/C and Missing Crew reports

4. 3rd B.D. Flash report, & Narrative teletype
 Strike photos, raid assessments, BCNO, etc.
 Statistical Work sheet;
 Mission folder check list.

(Material placed in the folder in this order; material mentioned last is on top)

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3D BOMBAMENT DIVISION OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE

CAZAUX-BORDEAUX/MERIGNAC - 27 MARCH 1944

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3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION INTELLIGENCE REPORT, CAZAUX - BORDEAUX/MERIGNAC
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A. E/A OPPOSITION

1. ALL GROUPS OF 4 C.W. ENCOUNTERED E/A OPPOSITION IN SMALL FORCE IN THE AREA NORTHEAST OF NANTES AT ABOUT 4720-0100W BETWEEN 1556-1610 HOURS. 10 - 20 FW 190'S AND ME 109'S WERE ENCOUNTERED IN THESE ATTACKS. ATTACKS WERE LIGHT AND WERE MADE MOSTLY FROM THE TAIL WITH A FEW FEEBLE ATTACKS FROM 7 - 10 O'CLOCK RESEMBLING THE SISTER'S ACT. E/A CAME OUT OF THE SUN AND ATTACKED IN TRAIL. TAIL GUNNER'S HEADACHE AND TAIL PECKER TACTICS WERE OBSERVED EMPLOYED. E/A SEEMED TO BE MORE INCLINED TO SHADOW FORMATIONS READY TO JUMP STRAGGLERS. THE LEAD GROUP OF THE 13 C.W. REPORTED THAT 3 ME 109'S OUT OF 5 ME 109'S OBSERVED AT 1440 HOURS JUST AFTER LEAVING CAZAUX ATTEMPTED AN ATTACK IN V-FORMATION FROM THE NOSE BUT WERE HEADED OFF BY FRIENDLY FIGHTERS AFTER GETTING NO CLOSER THAN 1500 YARDS. THIS GROUP ALSO OBSERVED 3 - 4 JU 88'S AT 1435 HOURS IN THE CAZAUX AREA AND 2 FW 190'S AT 1620 HOURS AT THE FRENCH COAST ON THE ROUTE BACK BUT NO ATTACKS WERE MADE. OTHER GROUPS REPORT OBSERVING 8 S/E E/A AT 1338 HOURS 4 MILES WEST OF LA ROCHE AND 4 FW 190'S AND 10 UNIDENTIFIED E/A IN THE BORDEAUX/MERIGNAC AREA BUT NONE ATTACKED. A/C OF 447 GROUP WHICH FLEW WITH 1ST BOMB DIVISION OBSERVED NO E/A.

B. OBSERVATIONS BY CREWS

1. POSSIBLE NOBALL INSTALLATION REPORTED IN CENTER OF CLUMP OF TREES IN VICINITY OF ST. JOUIN-SUR-MER ON FRENCH COAST NEAR LE HAVRE.
2. HIGH WALLS RUNNING PARALLEL TO COAST ALONG EDGE OF LAND WITH OPEN SPACES AT INTERVALS REPORTED ON COAST AT CABOURG (4917-0010W). CONSIDERABLE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN AREA.
3. SMOKE SCREENS REPORTED AT BORDEAUX, ST. NAZAIRE, LA ROCHELLE, LORIENT, MAYENNE, LA PALlice, RENNES, ARCACHON AND FROM 4403-0106W AND 4456-0101W.
4. SEAPLANE BASE REPORTED AT TAILURE LAKE WITH 2 LARGE HANGARS OBSERVED.
5. GUN EMPLACEMENTS REPORTED AT 4924-0046W.
6. A/D REPORTED IN WOODED AREA NORTH OF GESTE (4711-0107W).
7. EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION WORK REPORTED AT SEGRE 4742-0058W.
8. IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF LES SABLES AT 4925-0056W 2 LARGE CONCRETE CAUSEWAYS ABOUT 15 FEET WIDE AND BUILT PARALLEL TO EACH OTHER WERE OBSERVED TO EXTEND 100 FEET INTO THE WATER.
9. SEAPLANE BASE REPORTED ON WEST SIDE OF LAKE CAZAUX AT ETANG AND SEVERAL 4-ENGINE SEAPLANES WERE OBSERVED AT ANCHORAGE (AT NORTHERN END OF LAKE BISCAROSSE).
10. CONCRETE GUN EMPLACEMENTS REPORTED ON PTE. DE BARFLEUR.
11. EAST OF IP ONE HALF MILE FROM THE COAST 4 FOUR-ENGINE E/A WERE OBSERVED ON GROUND ON LANDING STRIP. 5 FOUR-ENGINE E/A OBSERVED ON GROUND AT CAZAUX A/D.
12. CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY REPORTED IN LARGE MARSHALLING YARD ON THE WEST SIDE OF LA ROCHE WITH 100 FREIGHT CARS AND 10 LOCOMOTIVES NOTED. MARSHALLING YARD IN WESTERN PARTY OF CHAUTENAY ALSO REPORTED TO BE FILLED WITH GOODS WAGONS.
13. 8 CONCRETE EMPLACEMENTS REPORTED AT 4922-0050W.
14. 15 BARRAGE BALLOONS OBSERVED IN SMOKE SCREEN AT NANTES.

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C. A/C IN DISTRESS

1. 3D BOMB DIVISION LOST 2 A/C ON THIS MISSION:
 - A. A/C 207 OF 388 GROUP CAUGHT FIRE IN THE RADIO COMPARTMENT AT 1338 HOURS AT 4644-0128W AT A TIME WHEN NEITHER FLAK NOR E/A WERE SEEN IN THE AREA. THE A/C DOVE BELOW THE FORMATION, LEVELED OFF, CIRCLED AND FINALLY WENT INTO A STEEP DIVE AND CRASHED AND EXPLODED. AS MANY AS 8 CHUTES WERE SEEN OF WHICH ONE FAILED TO OPEN. (96, 447 GROUP REPORTS).
 - B. A/C 191 OF 447 GROUP WAS LAST DEFINITELY SEEN AT 1504 HOURS AT 4630-0140W. A B-17 WAS REPORTED AS SEEN TO EXPLODE IN THE LA ROCHE AREA WITH 4 CHUTES SEEN. (96 GROUP REPORT).

2. FIGHTER OBSERVATIONS

A. P-38 SEEN TO GO DOWN AT 4450-0113W AT 1445 HOURS WITH ONE TAIL OFF.

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1. EIGHTH AIR FORCE - DAY 27 MARCH, 1944

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OF AN AIRBORNE FORCE OF 570 B-17S AND 179 B-24S, EIGHTH AIR FORCE DISPATCHED A TOTAL OF 707 HEAVY BOMBERS, 168 B-24S AND 539 B-17S, TO ATTACK TEN LUFTWAFFE INSTALLATIONS IN WESTERN AND NORTH-WESTERN FRANCE. WEATHER WAS CAVU OVER ALL TARGETS BUT ONE - CHARTRES A/D - WHERE 5/10 TO 8/10 CLOUDS WERE ENCOUNTERED. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS PRACTICALLY NIL WITH MOST GROUPS REPORTING NO E/A SEEN. THE ONLY ATTACKS BY E/A WERE MADE AGAINST ONE COMBAT WING OF THE 3RD BOMBARDMENT DIVISION WHICH REPORTS SIGHTING FROM 15 TO 20 E/A, BUT NONE OF THESE ATTACKS WERE PRESSED HOME. THE ONLY BOMBER CLAIMS OF THE OPERATION WERE MADE BY 3RD DIVISION, AND THESE ARE 4-2-1. FLAK WAS GENERALLY MODERATE. 104 B-17S AND 23 B-24S SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE, 12 B-17S AND 2 B-24S MAJOR BATTLE DAMAGE, AND 3 B-24S RECEIVED CATEGORY "E" BATTLE DAMAGE. OF THE 3 B-24S IN CATEGORY "E" BATTLE DAMAGE, TWO COLLIDED IN ASSEMBLY AND 20 CREW MEMBERS WERE KILLED. SIX BOMBERS - 3 B-17S AND 3 B-24S WERE LOST; ONE B-24 DUE TO FLAK AND THE OTHER A/C DUE TO UNKNOWN REASONS. BOMBING WAS VISUAL AND ALL 500 G.P. BOMBS FUSE 1/10 SEC. NOSE AND 1/100 SEC. TAIL. BOMBING WAS AS FOLLOWS:

TARGET	ATTACKING A/C	BOMBS DROPPED	TONS	RESULTS
TOURS A/D	74 B-17S	683 X 500 G.P. 714 X 100 I.B.	171 36	GOOD-EXCELLENT
TOURS A/C FACTORY	35 B-17S	428 X 500 G.P.	107	FAIR
CHARTRES A/D	67 B-77	790 X 500 G.P.	198	NOT AVAILABLE
ST. JEAN D'ANGELY	55 B-17S	659 X 500 G.P.	165	EXCELLENT
LA ROCHELLE A/D	59 B-17S	451 X 500 G.P. 837 X 100 I.B.	113 42	GOOD-EXCELLENT
CAZAUX A/D	117 B-17S	739 X 500 G.P. 834 X 100 G.P. 36 X 120 FRAG. CLUS. 2 840 X 100 I.B.	185 42 42	GOOD
BORDEAUX/ MERIGNAC	124 B-17S	839 X 500 G.P. 1399 X 120 FRAG. CLUS. 84	210	FAIR
PAU/PONT LONG	72 B-24S	460 X 500 G.P. 1352 X 100 I.B.	115	GOOD
MONTE-DE- MARSON	47 B-24S	252 X 500 G.P. 1242 X 120 FRAG. CLUS. 74	63	GOOD
BIARRITZ A/D	49 B-24S	1030 X 100 G.P. 1300 X 120 FRAG. CLUS. 78	52	GOOD
TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY	2 B-17S	26 X 500 G.P.	7	UNKNOWN
TOTALS	701 (533 B-17S, 168 B-24S)		1854 TONS	

ESCORT WAS PROVIDED BY 960 USAAF FIGHTERS - 358 P-47S, 132 P-38S AND 122 P-51S OF EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AND 305 P-47S AND 43 P-51S OF NINTH AIR FORCE. VERY FEW E/A WERE SEEN IN THE AIR. TEN FIGHTERS WERE LOST - 5 P-47S, 3 P-51S AND 2 P-38S AND FIGHTER CLAIMS ARE 38-1-15, CONSISTING LARGELY OF E/A ON THE GROUND.

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A. E/A OPPOSITION

- (1) THE 100TH GROUP FLEW HIGH IN THE 45-A CBW
- (2) NO E/A ATTACKED ANY OF OUR A/C.
- (3) AT 1338 HOURS, ABOUT 4 MILES WEST OF LA ROCHE, 8 S/E E/A WERE SEEN IN THE DISTANCE AHEAD OF OUR CBW. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THEY MAY HAVE ATTACKED SOME FORMATIONS IN THAT AREA. AT 1604 HOURS NEAR 4743-0059E, 8 S/E E/A WERE SEEN TO ATTACK A WING FORMATION 2 MILES TO OUR REAR AND 1 MILE TO OUR LEFT. THEY APPEARED TO BE ATTACKING THE HIGH GROUP IN THE WING FORMATION, BUT WERE TOO FAR AWAY FOR TACTICAL OBSERVATIONS.
- (4) NO OTHER E/A WERE SEEN.

B. OBSERVATIONS

- (1) AT NANTES A SMOKE SCREEN WAS REPORTED BY CREWS AS BEING VERY EFFECTIVE.
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APPROXIMATELY 15 SMOKE POTS WERE PLACED ALONG THE RIVER.
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- (4) AT 1355 HOURS NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE GIRONDE RIVER 1 LARGE FREIGHTER AND 1 MEDIUM SIZED FREIGHTER W ESCORTED BY SEVERAL SMALLER SHIPS HEADING TOWARDS THE RIVER MOUTH
- (5) NEAR LA ROCHE AN A/D WAS NOTED BEING CAMOUFLAGED AND HAVING 5 LARGE HANGERS ON THE S/E CORNER OF THE FIELD JOINED TOGETHER.
- (6) NEAR 4433-0108 W CREWS REPORTED THE A/D AT CAZOUX WAS BOMBED THE RESULTS APPEARING GOOD.
- (7) AT 1258 HOURS NEAR 4818-0120 W A TRUCK CONVOY WAS REPORTED TRAVELING WEST.
- (8) NEAR 4438-0107 W CREWS REPORT SEEING A FACTORY AREA HAVING FOUR UNITS AND 8 X TO 10 SMOKE STACKS WERE VISIBLE.

C. FRIENDLY A/C IN DISTRESS

- (1) AT 1338 HOURS NEAR 4642-0133 W AN UNIDENTIFIED B-17 WAS SEEN GOING DOWN IN A SLOW GLIDE WITH THE NO. 2 ENGINE AFIRE AND FLAMES COMING FROM THE RADIO HATCH. THE A/C WAS SEEN TO CRASH AND EXPLODE UPON HITTING THE GROUND. FIVE CHUTES WERE SEEN. FROM CREW REPORTS THIS A/C COULD HAVE POSSIBLY ~~BEEN~~ COME FROM THE 388TH, 96TH, OR 447TH GROUPS.

D. CREW COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

- (1) THE SOLENOID ON BALL TURRETS SHOULD BE ARRANGED SO THAT THEY CAN BE REACHED FROM INSIDE THE TURRETS.

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FLAK REPORT

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TARGET: Marston (Marston) a/o . DATE OF ATTACK: 27 March 1944

- Altitude of Low A/C 22,000'

REMARKS: One able flow with 4th Group in 13th G.M.

3. Visibility at target.. (Condensation, trails, clouds, etc.)
 CATV slight ground haze, no trails

4. No. of A/C over target 20 (10 in 10th; 1 in 20th)

5. A/C damaged by, and/or lost to flak: **None**

A/C No.	Height	Classification	Brief Description (i.e. place lost, extent of damage, etc.

7. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

45 Seconds

8. Turn after bombing. (Course away from target)

To left to 330°

9. Short description of evasive action in target area.

None

10. A description of flak en route and at target, including if possible, suggestions as to type of fire control employed. Include herein any phenomena or comments.

On the route in the first flak was encountered at La Roche. This was heavier seen continuous pointed fire to left and low. The group reported that they passed directly over Les Sables, at altitude 16,000' without receiving any flak fire although the map shows 4 heavy guns here. Flak of moderate intensity, altitude 16,000', using seen continuous pointed fire was put up from Isle de Re. This was to left and distant. At the same time heavy flak fire which appeared to be a barrage was put up over La Pallice. Flak of heavier intensity using seen continuous pointed fire was put from Biscarosse and a few minutes later from Cazaux. About 30 bursts were put up at the group from Biscarosse at the fighter support. The group was at 23,000' here and the fighters were higher. The flak from Cazaux was in burst of 3 and was fired at another group of B-17's. Flak in the target area was moderate and consisted of 2 batteries whose seen continuous pointed fire was low and left of our group which was at 23,000'. A battery was spotted on the ground at 000 - 005 on target illustration 1/4. Fine flashes were observed here. Flak to the East over Bordeaux was intense and appeared to be a barrage. No ships were seen in the area. On route back a rocket battery on Isle d' Oléron put up a few rockets, which were very inaccurate at altitude 12,000'. On both the route in and out a sperrbrecher (flak ship) conveying 3 small vessels fired on the group from near 0130N - 0120W. This fire was of heavier intensity seen continuous pointed and very inaccurate., although the group was at about 18,00' going in and 17,000' coming out.

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET Mengnac (Bordeaux) DATE OF ATTACK 27-3-44
PILOT'S NAME Van Steenk NAVIGATOR Becker A/C NO. 903

1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -
Lead A/C 23000
Highest " _____
Lowest " _____

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 65°

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 170 K

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 45 sec. _____ sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 1448

7. Turn from Target after Bombing left

8. True Course Away from Target 330°

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: None

10. Visibility at Target: CAVU - slight haze

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
1245	4922-0040W	190	193K	
1255	AIRARCHES	190	193K	8 miles to right 14000
1323	Nantes	200°	193K	4 miles R. of course
1345	Les Sables	195	"	Flak area 2 mi right
1430	4405 0135	TURIN LEFT		2 mi to R. No FLAK
1445	IR	56	170K	TAR. Not vis. From IR
1445	TARGET	65	170K	TURINED. SHARP LEFT
1452	"	320°	190K	
1510	6 mi. off shore (45°N)			FLAK BOATS SDR 6
1532	46° 27' 017N	20°	160K	WITHIN 3 mi. of course
1646	49022N 1911W	25°	170K	UP TO FRENCH C

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INTERROGATING OFFICER MBA

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STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____

DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____

SHIP NO. _____

1. The 100th _____ Group flew as (high, lead, low) group of the _____ C.W. in the _____ A.T.F.

Altitude of Lead A/C over Target _____
Altitude of High A/C over Target _____
Altitude of Low A/C over Target _____

2. ACTUAL ROUTE flown over enemy territory giving names of towns if possible, where not possible give coordinates. (No course is flown exactly as briefed.)

3. Visibility at target (Condensation trails, clouds, etc.)

4. Axis of bomb run _____

5. Time bombs away _____

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

7. Turn after bombing (course away from target)

8. Brief description of evasive action in target area.

Reporting Officer _____

8-2 50-2/1/44

Memorandum STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET Bordeaux DATE OF ATTACK 27 June

PILOT'S NAME McKay NAVIGATOR _____ A/C NO. 941

1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 19th () C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target - 4500 ft
A Group _____ B Group _____
Lead A/C 22800
Highest " 22200
Lowest " 22600

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 65°

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 170 K

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 360 sec. _____ sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 1448 1/2

7. Turn from Target after Bombing Left to 346°

8. True Course Away from Target 346°

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: none before
10 mi. away, 2 short turns (5-10°) afterwards

10. Visibility at Target: 10 mi.

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
1244	49-24N 01-37W	191	185 K	
1324	47-23N 00-39W	200	190 K	
1345	46-25N 01-37W	185	185 ✓	
1427	44-12N 01-38W	10	170 ✓	
1440	44-37N 01-15W	68	170 ✓	
1448 1/2	Target	330	made general turn & came out at	
1458	45-13N 01-10W	308	185	
Retraced course back to base.				

S-2 50-8/2/44 INTERROGATING OFFICER E. J. Johnson

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____ SHIP NO. _____

1. The 100th _____ Group flew as (high, lead, low) group of the _____ C.W. in the _____ A.T.F.

Altitude of Lead A/C over Target _____
Altitude of High A/C over Target _____
Altitude of Low A/C over Target _____

2. ACTUAL ROUTE flown over enemy territory giving names of towns if possible, where not possible give coordinates. (No course is flown exactly as briefed.)

3. Visibility at target (Condensation trails, clouds, etc.)

4. Axis of bomb run _____

5. Time bombs away _____

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

7. Turn after bombing (course away from target)

8. Brief description of evasive action in target area.

Reporting Officer _____

8-2 50-2/1/44

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET Merguac DATE OF ATTACK Mar 27-44

PILOT'S NAME Zeller NAVIGATOR Bondy A/C NO. 708

1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

	A Group	B Group
Lead A/C	<u>45th A</u>	
Highest "		
Lowest "		

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 63°

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 177

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 180 sec. 1448 sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 1448

7. Turn from Target after Bombing

8. True Course Away from Target 315°

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: Very little

10. Visibility at Target: _____

1. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
1350	Port-Port	160	184	Off to left
1400	Port-Port	173	190	Off to left 1 boat
1448	Target	63	177	strawing 3 small ones Not accurate no cage - at all. but defined

Followed Course as kept

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INTERROGATING OFFICER Walter R. Henderson

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____ SHIP NO. _____

1. The 100th _____ Group flew as (high, lead, low) group of the _____ C.W. in the _____ A.T.F.

Altitude of Lead A/C over Target _____

Altitude of High A/C over Target _____

Altitude of Low A/C over Target _____

2. ACTUAL ROUTE flown over enemy territory giving names of towns if possible, where not possible give coordinates. (No course is flown exactly as briefed.)

3. Visibility at target (Condensation trails, clouds, etc.)

4. Axis of bomb run _____

5. Time bombs away _____

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

7. Turn after bombing (course away from target)

8. Brief description of evasive action in target area.

Reporting Officer _____

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STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____

DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME Harper

NAVIGATOR _____

A/C NO. 504

1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

	A Group	B Group
Lead A/C	_____	_____
Highest "	_____	_____
Lowest "	_____	_____

3. True Heading on Bomb Run

not certain

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run

165 knots?

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing
- 8 min
- sec.

sec.

6. Time Bombs Away

1449

7. Turn from Target after Bombing

sharp left turn

8. True Course Away from Target

315°

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area:

very little - just left turn as briefed

10. Visibility at Target:

C.A.V.V.

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
1254	<u>Villedieu</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1647-4924-0055W-01°</u>
1308	<u>VITRE</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>—</u>	
1318	<u>4733 - 0103W</u>	<u>176</u>		
1338	<u>47mi W. of La Roche</u>	<u>182</u>		
1344	<u>4626 - 0140W</u>	<u>turning</u>		
1401	<u>4530 - 0140W</u>	<u>185</u>		
1429	<u>4410 - 0135W</u>	<u>165</u>		
1442	<u>4438 - 0110W</u>	<u>01° to target</u>		
1506	<u>4530 - 0140W</u>	<u>310</u>		
1531	<u>4626 - 0140W</u>	<u>01°</u>		
1555	<u>4723 - 0100W</u>	<u>250</u>		

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INTERROGATING OFFICER _____

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____ SHIP NO. _____

1. The 10th _____ Group flew as (high, lead, low) group of the _____ C.W. in the _____ A.T.F.

Altitude of Lead A/C over Target _____

Altitude of High A/C over Target _____

Altitude of Low A/C over Target _____

2. ACTUAL ROUTE flown over enemy territory giving names of towns if possible, where not possible give coordinates. (No course is flown exactly as briefed.)

3. Visibility at target (Condensation trails, clouds, etc.)

4. Axis of bomber run _____

5. Time bombs away _____

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

7. Turn after bombing (course away from target)

8. Brief description of evasive action in target area.

Reporting Officer _____

8-2 50-9/1/44

DATE OF ATTACK

SHIP NO. 011

S-2 49-8/1/44

MacKay

DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

Therapsida Budeau

DATE OF ATTACK

PILOT'S NAME

Chaddip

SHIP NO.

534

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK

PILOT'S NAME

SHIP NO.

[illegible]

DATE OF ATTACK _____

SHIP NO. 065

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Bordeaux

27-3-44

Howard

074

S-2 49-8/1/44

TARGET Bordeaux Airfield -

DATE OF ATTACK 27-3-44

PILOT'S NAME Stout

SHIP NO. 607

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DATE OF ATTACK

SHIP NO.

S-2 49-8/1/44

DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK

PILOT'S NAME

SHIP NO.

987

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9-2 49-8/1/44

Bohrup

DATE OF ATTACK 27-3-44

SHIP NO. 066

DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LEVEL-ABOVE
BELLOW-CLOCK POSITION-UNUSUAL PHENOMENON A

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PILOT'S NAME

DATE OF ATTACK

SHIP NO.

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK

PILOT'S NAME

SHIP NO.

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S-2 49-8/1/44

Rosafeld

DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

Meningitis

DATE OF ATTACK

Mar 27

PILOT'S NAME

Guski

SHIP NO.

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HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

D-1-3

AFG 559
27 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Sortie Information, Operational Mission No. 137

TO : S-1, 100th Bomb Group (H), APO 559.

1. The following pilots and their crews flew Operational Mission No. 137, 27 March, 1944:

PILOT	TARGET BOMBED	COORDINATES TURNED BACK	R/A OBSERVED
Capt. Van Steenis, L. C.	Yes	Target	No
Major Elton, A. M.			
Lt. Evans, J. A.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Gibbons, J. P.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Gorski, A. J.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Greiner, W. L.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Harper, J. C.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Harper, C. B.	No	50 55 N - 00 18 W	No
Lt. Harbo, F. W.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Horne, R. D. (Spare)	No	50 36 N - 00 15 W	No
Lt. Howard, F. G.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Kincannon, F. C.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. McKay, E. H.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Malocly, F. J.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Komrad, R. V.	No	Coast of England	No
Lt. Mylius, C. W.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Nake, C. W.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Rice, D. C.	No	52 10 N - 00 04 W	No
Lt. Shaddix, W. G. (Spare)	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Shoens, R. J.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Stout, J. R.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Thomas, W. H.	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Wilson, H. V. (Spare)	Yes	Target	No
Lt. Wright, R. W.	Yes	Target	No
Capt. Zeller, J. L.	Yes	Target	No

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F. MINER SHAW
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

D-L-5

AP0 559
27 Mar. 1944

SUBJECT: Digest, Crew Comments and Suggestions, Operational Mission #137.

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bomb Group (H), APO 559.

1. Submitted herewith is a digest of crew comments and suggestions compiled by S-2 on Operational Mission #137, 27 March, 1944:

- a. Lt. W. H. Thomas, Crew #36 - More food on long mission. Want colored lensed goggles.
- b. Members, Crew #4 - Want rags to clean guns.
- c. Lt. C. W. Mylius, Crew #67 - Too much talking on VHF by other groups in 45th.
- d. S/Sgt. R. N. Goodman, Crew #13 - Suggest crew members flying on mission be permitted to eat first.
- e. Members, Crew #12 - Crews have to clean guns by flashlight because there is no wire for generator unit. One candy bar inadequate for long mission.
- f. T/Sgt. J. P. Cooper, Crew #41 - Want hatch out of gun position in radio compartment. Can't see with it in.
- g. Capt. J. L. Zeller, Crew #20 - Transportation is very poor. Also leader in formation in this group changed airspeed and altitude throughout mission.
- h. Members, Crew #35 - Mission too long without anything but one candy bar. Suggest that new ships get some bullet proof glass.
- i. Lt. R. W. Wright, Crew #38 - Lead ship was off on airspeed.
- j. Lt. F. W. Harte, Crew #9 - Should have more food on mission. Also would be good to have water on line.
- k. Officers, Crew #21 - Need fuel for stoves in 351st Squadron.

F. Miner Shaw
F. MINER SHAW,
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

COMBOMDIV THREE
 ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION
 INFO OF COMBOMDIV THIRTEEN
 ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

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100 BOMB GROUP--INTELLIGENCE REPORT--BORDEAUX-MERIGNY--27 MARCH 1944

A. E/A OPPOSITION

- (1) THE 100TH GROUP FLEW HIGH IN THE 45-A CWT.
- (2) NO E/A ATTACKED ANY OF OUR A/C.
- (3) AT 1538 HOURS, ABOUT 4 MILES WEST OF LA ROCHE, 8 S/E E/A WERE SEEN IN THE DISTANCE AHEAD OF OUR CWT. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THEY MAY HAVE ATTACKED SOME FORMATIONS IN THAT AREA. AT 1604 HOURS, NEAR 4743-0059 E, 8 S/E E/A WERE SEEN TO ATTACK A WING FORMATION 2 MILES TO OUR REAR AND 1 MILE TO OUR LEFT. THEY APPEARED TO BE ATTACKING THE HIGH GROUP IN THE WING FORMATION, BUT WERE TOO FAR AWAY FOR TACTICAL OBSERVATIONS.
- (4) NO OTHER E/A WERE SEEN.

B. OBSERVATIONS

- (1) AT NANTES A SMOKE SCREEN WAS REPORTED BY CREWS AS BEING VERY EFFECTIVE. APPROXIMATELY 15 SMOKE POTS WERE SEEN PLACED ALONG THE RIVER.
- (2) OTHER SMOKE SCREENS WERE REPORTED AT LA ROCHELLE, BORDEAUX, LA PALlice, RENNES, ARCACHON, AN A/D NEAR 4405-0108 W, AND NEAR 6456-0101 W.
- (3) AT 1401 HOURS NEAR 4530-0140 W APPROXIMATELY 7 VESSELS WERE SIGHTED. TWO APPEARED TO BE CARGO VESSELS, THE OTHERS BEING SMALLER TYPES. FOUR WERE HEADED TOWARDS SHORE, AND THE OTHERS APPEARED TO BE DISPERSING IN VARIOUS DIRECTIONS.
- (4) AT 1355 HOURS NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE GIRONDE RIVER 1 LARGE FREIGHTER AND 1 MEDIUM SIZED FREIGHTOR ESCORTED BY SEVERAL SMALLER SHIPS HEADING TOWARDS THE RIVER MOUTH.
- (5) NEAR LA ROCHE AN A/D WAS NOTED BEING CAMOUFLAGED AND HAVING 5 LARGE HANGERS ON THE SE CORNER OF THE FIELD JOINED TOGETHER.
- (6) NEAR 4433-0106 W CREWS REPORTED THE A/D AT CAZOUX WAS BOMBED; THE RESULTS APPEARING GOOD.
- (7) AT 1258 HOURS NEAR 4818-0120 W A TRUCK CONVOY WAS REPORTED TRAVELING WEST.
- (8) NEAR 4438-0107 W CREWS REPORT SEEING A FACTORY AREA HAVING FOUR UNITS AND NO 10 SMOKE STACKS WERE VISIBLE.

C. FRIENDLY A/C IN DISTRESS

(1) AT 1538 HOURS NEAR 4642-0133 W AN UNIDENTIFIED B-17 WAS SEEN GOING DOWN IN A SLOW GLIDE WITH THE NO. 2 ENGINE AFIRE AND FLAMES COMING FROM THE RADIO HATCH. THE A/C WAS SEEN TO CRASH AND EXPLODE UPON HITTING THE GROUND. FIVE CHUTES WERE SEEN. FROM CREW REPORTS THIS A/C COULD HAVE POSSIBLY COME FROM THE 388TH, 96TH, OR 44TH GROUPS.

D. CREW COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

(1) THE SOLENOID ON BALL TURRETS SHOULD BE REARRANGED SO THAT THEY CAN BE REACHED FROM INSIDE THE TURRET.

COSCOMOR ONE HUNDRED

COMBOMDIV THREE
ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION
COMBOMCOMWIG THIRTEEN
ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

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ORIG - R-577-D
Series - 16
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28-3-44

C. Turner

100 BOM GROUP Operational REPORT BORDEAUX-MERLIGNAC 27 March 1944

1. LEAFLETS - NONE
2. BOMBING RESULTS: CREWS REPORT THAT BOMBING RESULTS WERE GOOD. LARGE FIRES WERE STARTED IN SEVERAL AREAS OF THE A/D. A FEW MINUTES AFTER WE LEFT TARGET AREA A HUGE EXPLOSION WAS OBSERVED THAT SHOT FLAMES HIGH ABOVE THE A/D AND GAVE OFF BLACK AND YELLOW SMOKE. PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW THAT OUR BOMBS FELL SHORT OF MPI AND WERE CONCENTRATED WITHIN THE LANDING FIELD WITH SOME HITS ON RUNWAYS.
3. E/A: ON ROUTE TO TARGET 8 S/E E/A WERE OBSERVED FOUR MILES WEST OF LA ROCHE. THEY WERE IN THE VICINITY OF FORMATIONS SOME DISTANCE AHEAD, BUT NO ATTACKS WERE OBSERVED. ON ROUTE FROM TARGET 8 S/E S/S WERE SEEN NEAR 4743 0069W. THEY WERE ATTACKING HIGH GROUP OF A WING FLYING TWO MILES BEHIND AND ONE MILE TO OUR LEFT. ONE B-17 WAS OBSERVED TO BE SMOKING AFTER ONE OF THESE ATTACKS, BUT IT IS THOUGHT THAT IT DID NOT GO DOWN. OUR CLAIMS ARE 0-0-0.
4. FIAX: LA ROCHE MEAGRE INACCURATE
 ILE DE RE LA PALLICE - MODERATE - INACCURATE
 D'OLLERON (4555 0120 W) ROCKET BATTERY
 4530 0130 W FROM ONE SPENBRICKER CONVOYING 8 SMALL VESSELS MEAGRE INACCURATE
 BISCAROSSE - MEAGRE - INACCURATE
 CAEAUX - MEAGRE - INACCURATE
 TARGET - MODERATE - INACCURATE
5. WEATHER: CAVU IN TARGET AREA.
6. OBSERVATIONS: NONE
7. OTHER INFORMATION: BOMBING OBSERVED ON A/D AT 4433 - 0108 W. PATTERN COVERED THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE FIELD. SMOKE OBSERVED IN LA PALLICE HARBOR AREA THAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE FREE FROM BOMBING. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS EXCELLENT.

COMBOMGR ONE HUNDRED

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ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION
COMBOMCOMWIG THIRTY-THREE
ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

COMBOMGR ONE HUNDRED
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100 BOM GROUP Operational REPORT BORDEAUX-MERLIGNAC 27 March 1944

1. LEAPLETS - NONE
2. BOMBING RESULTS: CREWS REPORT THAT BOMBING RESULTS WERE GOOD. LARGE FIRES WERE STARTED IN SEVERAL AREAS OF THE A/D. A FEW MINUTES AFTER WE LEFT TARGET AREA A HUGE EXPLOSION WAS OBSERVED THAT SENT FLAMES HIGH ABOVE THE A/D AND GAVE OFF BLACK AND YELLOW SMOKE. PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW THAT OUR BOMBS FELL SHORT OF MPI AND WERE CONCENTRATED WITHIN THE LANDING FIELD WITH SOME HITS ON RUNWAYS.
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 DISCAROSSE - MEAGRE - INACCURATE
 CAZAU - MEAGRE - INACCURATE
 TARGET - MODERATE - INACCURATE
5. WEATHER: CAVU IN TARGET AREA.
6. OBSERVATIONS: NONE
7. OTHER INFORMATION: BOMBING OBSERVED ON A/D AT 4435 - 0108 W. PATTERN COVERED THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE FIELD. SMOKE OBSERVED IN LA PALLICE HARBOR AREA THAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE FROM BOMBING. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS EXCELLENT.

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1. Leaflets - none
2. Bombing Results - Photographs indicate that westernmost of two hangars at M.P.I. is completely destroyed with smoke pouring from the NW corner of the other. Smoke is pouring from entire SE dispersal area. Combined results of 95th and 100th Group bombing appear excellent. Pattern of 45th Low + High Group bombs appear to be west of M.P.I., but it appears that a large fuel dump must have been hit. There was a large explosion and very heavy black smoke poured from the area bombed. M.P.I.'s of 13th and 45th Low Groups were covered with smoke as we passed over target.
3. E/A - No E/A were seen
4. Flack -
 Target - Tnture + acemats - tracking
 LISIEUX - Meagre + acemats - tracking -
 QUISTREHAM - meagre + insecta -
 5. Weather - C.A.V.U. in target area.
6. Observations - none

7. Other Information - 18 large ~~10~~ ¹⁰ observed on A/D as follows: 8 in N. dispersal area and 10 in NW part of A/D. There was an explosion over target either 1 B-17 from 45th High Group or 2 P-47's or both. Seven to 8 Chutes were reported. Smoke from A/D at Chartier was 5-6,000 in air ^{and in large volume} when we passed nearby. Fighter support was excellent.

OPERATIONAL REPORT - STATISTICAL SECTION

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PRIMARY TARGET	MERIGNAC	CAZARK			TOTAL
1. GROUP/WING	100/45A	100/13			
2. A/C AIRBORNE	23	1			
3. A/C DISPATCHED	19	1			
4. A/C ATTACKING	0	0			
5. A/C FAILING TO ATTACK					
a. Mechanical					
b. Weather					
c. Enemy Action					
d. Other					
6. A/C LOST	0	0			
a. To AA					
b. To e/a					
c. To AA and e/a					
d. To accident					
e. By reasons unknown					
7. TIME OF ATTACK	1448	1445			
8. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK	23000	12200			
9. BOMBS DROPPED (PRIMARY)	MERIGNAC	CAZARK			
a. Number	190	10			
b. Size	500	500			
c. Type	GP	GP			
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)					
a. Number					
b. Size					
c. Type					
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)					
a. Number					
b. Size					
c. Type					
10. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES	0	0			
a. Killed					
b. Wounded					
c. Missing					
d. Rescued					
11. BATTLE DAMAGE	0	0			
a. Minor					
b. Major					
c. Salvage					

12. S.2 48/ 1-1/44

0-0-0 0-0-0

920 DIV Lt. Corbett
 131st CBW Maj Donohoe
 TIME 2015 27/3/44

Rich Bauman 14th AF
 East Action Off.

27/3/44

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number 154 A/C Letter _____
 Squadron 418 Pilot St. Riva
 Time landed at base 1346
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
(5240N - 0004W)
 Time turned back 1020
 Altitude at time turned back 13000
 Reason for abortion VHF on fire top turret burning very ill also
 Disposition of bombs Brought Back BT. Burn
 Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer J. Bauman

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number _____ A/C Letter _____
 Squadron _____ Pilot _____
 Time landed at base _____
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:

 Time turned back _____
 Altitude at time turned back _____
 Reason for abortion _____
 Disposition of bombs _____
 Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer _____

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A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number 981 A/C Letter E
 Squadron 350 Pilot Lt. Harper. C.B.
 Time landed at base 1355
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
5055 - 00°18' W
 Time turned back 1210
 Altitude at time turned back 13,000
 Reason for abortion Unable to locate formation (groups)
 Disposition of bombs Brought Back
 Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer L.W. Shute, 2nd Lt. A.C.

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number 957 A/C Letter D
 Squadron 349th Pilot Lt. M. D. Turner
 Time landed at base 1501
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
(50 31 N - 00 - 15 W)
 Time turned back 1721
 Altitude at time turned back 14500
 Reason for abortion Spare -
 Disposition of bombs brought back
 Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer M. B. Brune

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27/3/44

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number 983 A/C Letter F
 Squadron 351st Pilot Lt. Monrad
 Time landed at base 1200
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:
Coast of England.
 Time turned back 1045
 Altitude at time turned back 4,500
 Reason for abortion #2 engine temperature 300°C.
#2 engine exhaust collector ring broken
 Disposition of bombs Brought Back.
Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer L. W. Shute, 2nd Lt. G.C.

A/C RETURNING EARLY

A/C Number _____ A/C Letter _____
 Squadron _____ Pilot _____
 Time landed at base _____
 Point or coordinates of point at which A/C turned back:

 Time turned back _____
 Altitude at time turned back _____
 Reason for abortion _____
 Disposition of bombs _____
Brought back or jettisoned
 Name of Interrogating Officer _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name _____

Rank

Name

[illegible]

<u>Lt. Harper, C. E.</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. Lugust, C. P.</u>	TT
<u>Lt. Flannigan, R. S.</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. Curlee, A. P.</u>	BT
<u>Lt. Barfield, B. D.</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. Bowers, J. B.</u>	RW
<u>Lt. Carrillo, W.</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. Dobbs, W. A.</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. James, A. E.</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. Frank, A. R.</u>	TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Eqp't. (Name)

TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed:

On target

Yours:

Jettisoned

Br't back

Others:

Un'Act For

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/A Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

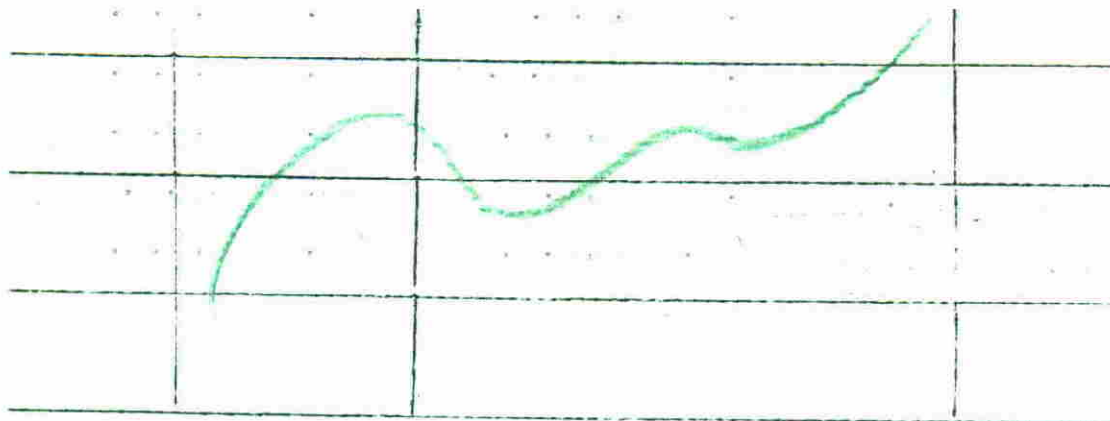
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and E/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (J/A) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME _____

INTERROGATION FORM

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name _____

Rank

Name _____

		X				
			X		X	
		X	X			
	X			X		
X		X		X		X
	X				X	
X		X		X		X
			X			
		X		X		

1st. Horne, R. D.	P	T/Sgt. Fosdick, R. L.	TT
1st. McGrath, J. M.	CP	S/Sgt. Perinsky, J.	BT
1st. Hilay, D. L.	N	S/Sgt. Hunt, C. G.	RW
T/Sgt. Craven, J. L.	B	S/Sgt. Hall, S. M.	LW
T/Sgt. Willey, L. C.	RADS	Sgt. Staron, J. G.	TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name)

TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed:

On target

Yours:

Jettisoned

Br't back

Others:

Un'Act For

If target, not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/Z Seen.)

(Numbers and Types)

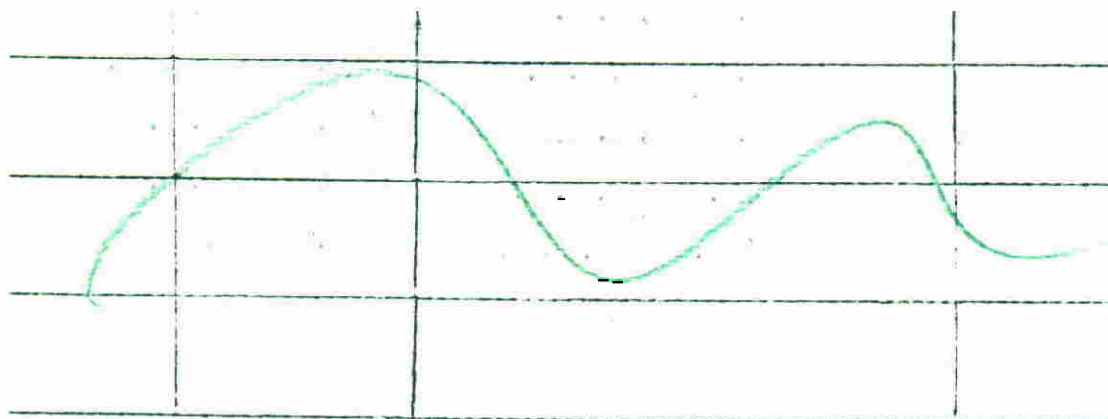
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and E/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - (our altitude))

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW INTERROGATIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WLS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

Crew #64
Position in formation
(at target)

Name _____

Name _____

	X					Lt. R. V. E. Monrad	P	T/Sgt. C. J. Carlsrud	TT
	X	X				Lt. G. B. Schindler	CP	S/Sgt. J. W. Roberts	BT
	X		X			Lt. A. Franklin	N	S/Sgt. J. S. Folsom	RW
X	X		X	X		Lt. H. Franklin	B	S/Sgt. R. J. Mitchell	LW
X	X		X		X	Lt. H. Greenberg	RADS	S/Sgt. M. Roiz	TC
	X		X						

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name)

TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

Yours:

Jettisoned

Br't back

Others:

Un'Act For

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

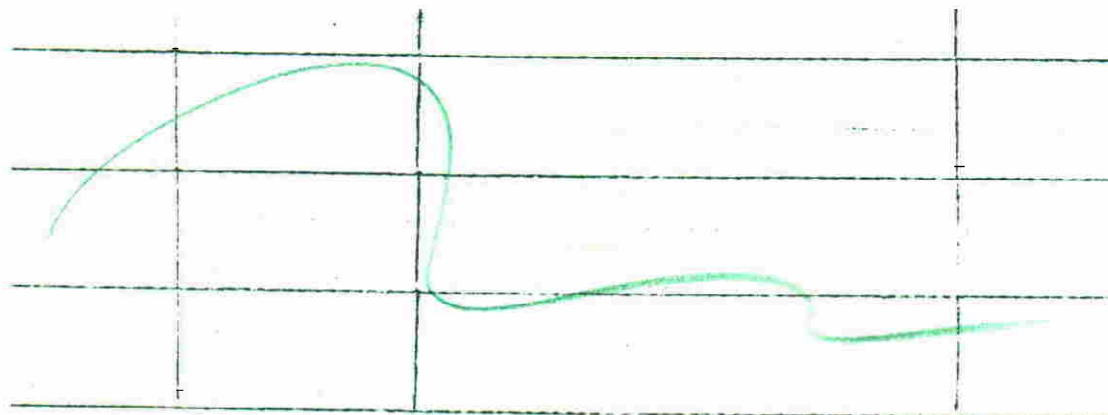
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SWIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (RA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

GROUP 100 SCD 418 A/C NO. 154 LTR. BOEING LOAD 10X500 DATE 27/3/44

Crew #28
Position in formation
(at target)

Name _____

Rank

Name

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Lt. D. C. Rice P Sgt. P. H. Rowe TT

Lt. J. S. Farcht CP Sgt. R. E. Fryor BT

Lt. D. E. Fayne N Sgt. H. C. Vaughn RW

14. W. Cherry B Sgt. W. E. Stein LW

Sgt. L. M. Thompson RAD Sgt. R. W. Flinn TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

Yours:

Jetticoned

Br't back

Others:

Un'Act For _____

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen.)

(Numbers and Types)

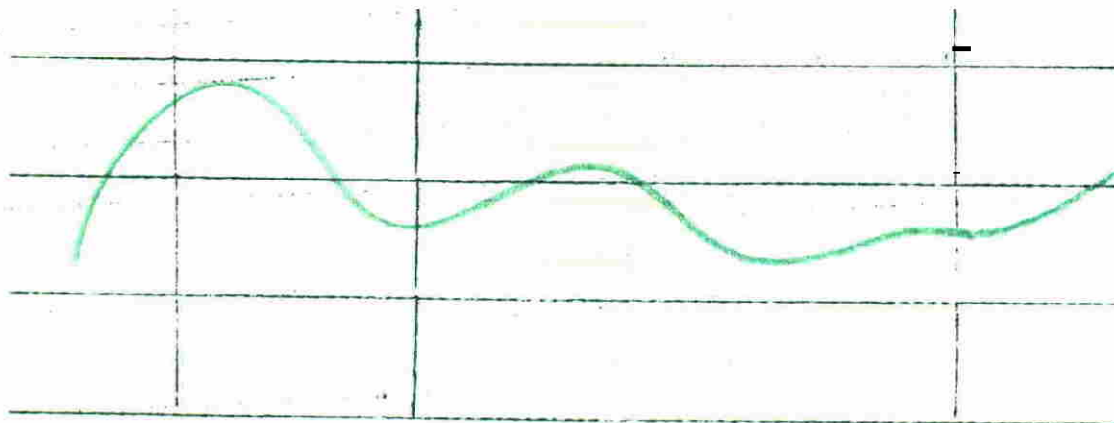
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -

where down - eights - any unusual

occurrences of interest - your altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (F/A).

NO. F/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

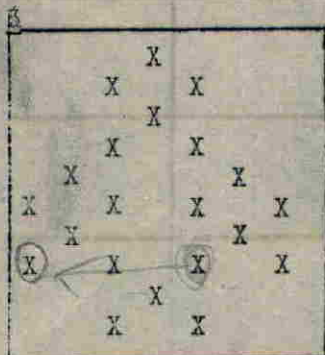
NO. F/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

Posted

2009

Name _____



T/Sgt. Glasser, L. P. RAD SS/Sgt. McMullin, G. W. TG

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

Results observed

Un'Act For _____

Boats away - 1448
Alt. - 20,600'
Mag. Heading - 62°

most of crew of our
building on south east
of field well hit & some-
times too. Really plastered.
Also IF, which had been
previously hit by another
group &

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

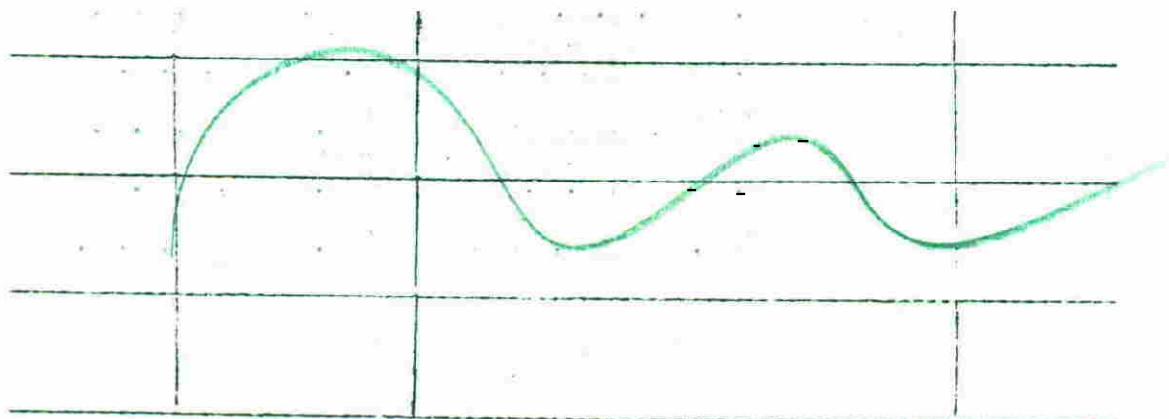
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(Numbers and Types)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

1330 - (8 miles W of La Roche)
B-17 with no 2 engines on fire,
went down after probably a small
bomb hit - 3 chutes seen.
This is right for Jan [E]

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Lat 45° 48' N - 01° 30' W. altitude about 4 to 5
thousand feet. They went up in formation to night, flying 16,000'.
Seen in Row about 1000 ft. down. Right nearby was two more
engines up. "Should have been chutes or water," copper colored.
TT signs by engine "they look" or Pte de la Perle.

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

St. Hunter - Should have more fuel on trip, & good if
they would have more fuel. 481 with Harper, went in his
position in formation several French came. St. Hunter moved up to
his point.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

St. 481 pulled up, told her to let 481 move on.
He would come into low altitude, highly panicked off.

First!!!

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP ~~(WAS)~~ (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (RA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED None

NO. E/A DAMAGED. None

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

Rosenfeld

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 351 A/C NO. 047 LTR. BOMB LOAD 10X500 DATE 27/3/44

Crew #21
Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name

Rank

Name

		X			
	X		X		
		X		X	
	X		X		
X	X			X	
	X	X	X		X
X		X		X	
			X		(X)
		X			
	X		X		

Lt. G. W. Rake

P

S/Sgt. E. C. Rogers

TT

Lt. D. R. Drysdale

CP

Sgt. L. Takel

BT

Lt. R. L. Wishler

N

S/Sgt. L. G. Johnson

RW

Lt. F. L. Gate

B

Sgt. R. E. Evans

LW

S/Sgt. L. A. Miller

RAD

Sgt. D. E. Philaum

TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name)

TARGET BOMBED

(Name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/E Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

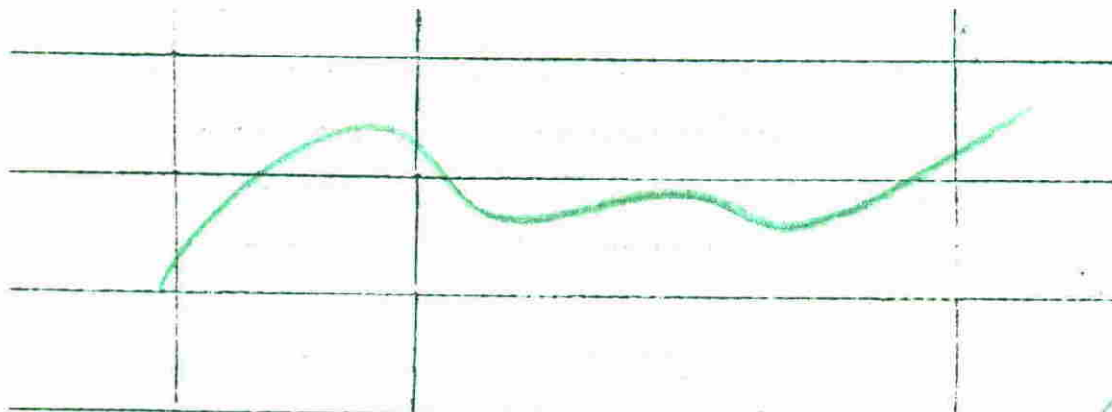
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

1338 hours - north La Roche.
Heading 210° - alt 16000 -

1-1317 went down not as a result of enemy action.
Fire in #3 & 4 engine. Plane seen exploding but
was intact until hit the ground.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Smoke screen at Nantes - 1323 hours. Fires seen
around city for smoke. - also at 45°00' - 01°14'W. 7400. Low -
8 Boats seen at 45°35' - 01°40'W at 7400. Low -
ship and other 4 out. One freighter + rest smaller - the
freighters fired on us with $\frac{7}{8}$ heavy guns.

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

Fuel for stores in 351st Sq.

mac - Scotch - double double - (CP)

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (S/S) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED BY (RA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

[Signature]

2004

Booted

GREINER

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100
SQD 351
A/C NO. 066
LTR. _____
BOMB LOAD 10x500
DATE 27/3/44

Crew #19

Position in Formation (at target)	Rank	Name	Rank	Name
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		<u>It. C. A. Bowers</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>Sgt. E. Buchanan</u>
		<u>It. E. T. Lewis</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Sgt. R. L. McDaniel</u>
		<u>It. C. A. Meyer</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Sgt. E. E. Wagner</u>
		<u>Sgt. W. H. Wakefield</u>	<u>RAD</u>	<u>Sgt. E. A. Parks</u>

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqp. (Name) _____

1449
24000
850

TARGET BOMBED (name)	No. & Size	Bomb Type	Results observed
On target	<u>10 X 500</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Sig not all down</u>
Jettisoned	_____	_____	<u>Yours: bombs hit -</u>
Br't back	_____	_____	<u>Saw 2 hangars</u>
Un'Act For	_____	_____	<u>Others: demolished - the</u> <u>2 south hangars</u>

If target not bombed - why? Too much smoke seen target to see hits - good results

If returned early point of turning, reason, time, altitude _____

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION (Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

none

(No. E/S Seen) _____ (Numbers and Types) _____

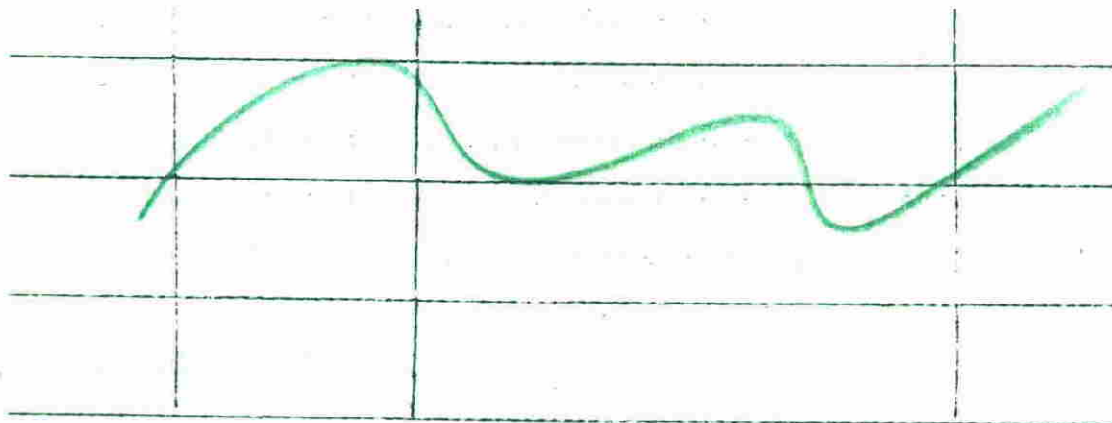
Special markings and colors: (Not previously reported) _____

Description of attack: (Place-time-altitude) _____
 (Duration - Intensity) _____

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures: _____

Air to Air bombing - any unusual weapons _____

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

OB 17 - 1339 hdy Mag 235°
 (Group and E/A No. - Condition -
 where down - eights - any unusual
 occurrences of interest - your altitude) near (4638-0131 W) from
 group ahead - flames & smoke from left wing -
 deep glide to left - saw 4 chutes - hit ground at
 Wedge of La Roche. Exploded.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

(15 or 20) (4530-0130 W).
 Saw runway of unidentified strips

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

None

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS STRIP (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (RA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME _____

HOWARD

15
95-TH Wing

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SCD 350 A/C NO. 074 LTR. _____ BOMB LOAD 10x500 DATE 27-3-44

Position in formation (at target)

X	X				
	X		X		
		X			
	X	X	X		
X	X	(X)	X	X	X
	X			X	
X	X		X	X	
		X			
	X	X			

Lt. Howard, H. G.	P	T/Sgt. Thomas, H. W.	TT
Lt. Brewer, G. A.	CP	S/Sgt. Lupia, E. Q.	BT
Lt. Roche, W. R.	N	S/Sgt. Mace, R. E.	RW
Lt. Howison, C. W.	B	S/Sgt. Mancini, E. J.	LW
T/Sgt. Montgomery, E. C.	RAD	S/Sgt. Wilbur, E. R.	TS

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

Mission

TARGET BOMBED (name) _____ No. & Size _____ Bomb Type _____ Results observed _____

1445
12200
73°

On target 10x500 GP Yours: Aid not see bombs from this ship hit

Jettisoned _____ Others: Good results

Br't back _____ Exact MPI not known

Un'Act For _____

If target not bombed - why? Tacked onto 13th wing - dropped air group lead - saw bombs hit from sqds. following

If returned early point of turning, reason, time, altitude hit in woods (N) of 4 hangars at NE of field. Saw heavy oil smoke + many thick.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION (Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

None

(No. E/E Seen) _____ (Numbers and Types) _____

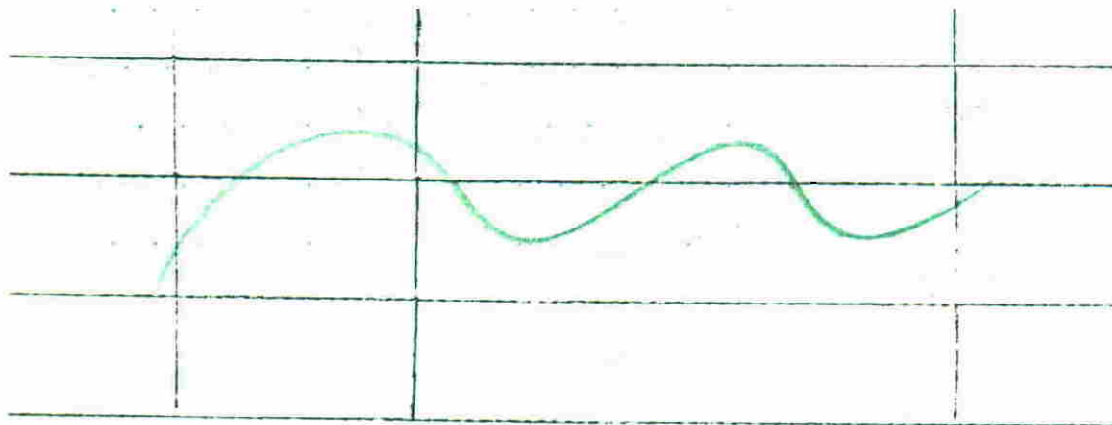
Special markings and colors: (Not previously reported) _____

Description of attack: (Place-time-altitude) _____
(Duration - Intensity) _____

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures: _____

Air to Air bombing - any unusual weapons _____

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and E/A No. - Condition -

Where down - eights - any unusual

occurrences of interest - your altitude)

*None*OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Saw concentration of ships near mouth of Gironde River - about 27 large ships and 47 small ships - could not identify - One ship in this group dropped several bombs on this convoy on return trip

CREW SUGGESTIONSENGINEER SUPPORT*Good*INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONSTHIS SHIP ~~(WAS)~~ (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (RA) (E/A).NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED NO. E/A DAMAGED.

 INTERROGATOR'S NAME

Distd ELTON

13
GROUP 100
Positi

Name _____

<u>Capt. VanSteenis, L. C.</u>	P	<u>T/</u> gt. Holladay, A. K.	IT
<u>Maj. Elton, A. M.</u>	CP	<u>S/</u> gt. Goodman, R. N.	BT
<u>Lt. Becker, H. C.</u>	N	<u>S/</u> gt. Knudson, K.	RW
<u>Lt. Torbett, L. D.</u>	B	<u>S/</u> gt. Butchins, E. /C	LW
<u>T/</u> gt. Benham, E. V.	RAD	<u>Lt. Ogg, J.</u>	TG
		<u>S/</u> gt. Schneider, W. A.	

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

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more from 7000 ft. down
were headed north. Lake was low and
bright.

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and E/C No. - Condition -

where down - chutes - any unusual

occurrences of interest - your altitude)

B-17 - 13:39 - on

burned out - 13:42 Crashed near Les Sables,
at 76000!

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Large line to left of target - 15 - 20 mi
to NW. Large blaze.

Coast crossing of Brest Peninsula - seemed to
have black pipe lines? along beach between sand
and rocks.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

S/Sgt Goodman - Suggest that other than
certain key enlisted men all E/M's except com-
bat crew members be permitted to eat in combat
crew mess. Also suggest having an
officer in charge again.

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 0

NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0

INTERROGATOR'S NAME WDA

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 351 A/C NO. 708 LTR. BOMB LOAD 10X500 DATE 27/3/44

Crew #20
Position in formation
(at target)

Name _____

Name _____

<u>Capt. J. L. Zeller</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. R. G. Siegel</u>	TT
<u>Lt. W. L. Bowen</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. C. L. Anselin</u>	BT
<u>Lt. G. E. Bonitz</u>	N	<u>Sgt. C. L. Grimes</u>	RW
<u>F/O D. L. White</u>	B	<u>Sgt. W. H. Frederick</u>	LW
<u>S/Sgt. H. J. Hendricks</u>	RAD	<u>Sgt. W. V. Lombardi</u>	TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Eqt. (Name).

TARGET BOMBED
(name)

Bomb Type

Results observed

10

500

Yours:

Jetticoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

Others:

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

I'm primary-
 target had been
 hit previously -
 not sure when
 these bombs
 hit, but believe
 were on target.
 Believe results
 are good.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/E Seen.)

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP _____ SQD _____ A/C NO. _____ LTR. _____ BOMB LOAD _____ DATE _____

Position in formation (at target)	Rank	Name	Rank	Name
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	_____	CP	_____	BT
	_____	N	_____	RW
	_____	B	_____	LW
	_____	RAD	_____	TG
	_____		_____	

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Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

<u>TARGET BOMBED</u> (name)	No. & Size	Bomb Type	Results observed
On target _____	_____	_____	Yours: _____
Jettisoned _____	_____	_____	
Brt back _____	_____	_____	Others: _____
Un'Act For _____	_____	_____	

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen)
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

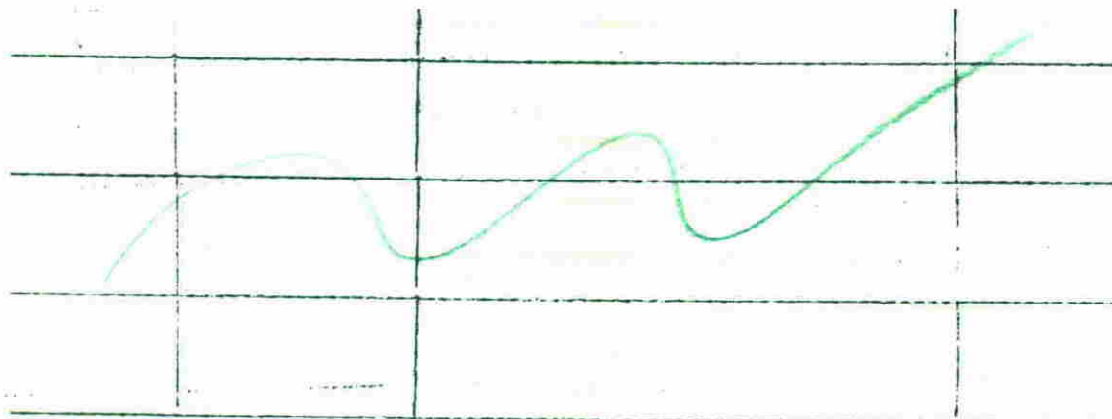
(Numbers and Types)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOSS OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
 where down - ejection - any unusual
 occurrences of interest - your altitude)

1 B17 - 4643 N 01°32' W
 down in flames
 5 ejection - crashed -

OBSERVATIONS OF SEEN

1439½ Cazocoy Tripul hit
 by another group. Complete destruction -
 at 1538 - 4643 N 01°28' W - bldgs &
 runway camouflaged - may have been
 a dummy - followed briefed course correctly,
 smoke screens at Hance, Bordeaux,
 target area very light.

CREWS SUGGESTIONS

Complain about ~~too~~ transportation
 to plane also complain about leadership of
 formation in this group - too much change
 of altitude & alt throughout flight.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good.

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SWIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (F/A).

NO. F/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. F/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

Walter R. Johnson

THOMAS

GROUP 111 SQD 118 A/C NO. 101 LTR. BCLB LOAD 10X500 DATE 27/3/44

Position in formation
(at target)

Name _____

Name _____

<u>Lt. W. H. Thomas</u>	F	<u>T/Sgt. C. E. Ekin</u>	TT
<u>Lt. J. J. Raring</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. J. D. Smoot</u>	BT
<u>Lt. H. J. Brice</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. W. W. Moore</u>	RW
<u>Lt. J. M. Henry</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. E. A. Vollmer</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. C. A. Leavitt</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. D. S. McGill</u>	TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name)

Results observed:

Un'Act For _____

Results observed:
100th Bernice Landed
Yours: we found 4 Hangers
on NE part of field
just before first area
Others:
3 landed on ramp

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

Close to Hangers - Some landed on SE-NW
runway
Bombs away 1448 - 23.3m, they head
70°

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(Numbers and Types)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

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where down - chutes - any unusual
occurences of interest - (our altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREWS SUGGESTIONS

NIGHTER SUPPORT

INTEPRETOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) ((WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (NA) (P/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED

NO. E/A DAMAGED.

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

Crew #02 67
Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name _____

Rank

Name _____

A 10x10 grid of 'X' marks. The grid is as follows:

The 'X' marks are located at the following (row, column) coordinates (starting from 0,0 at top-left):

- (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (1, 7), (1, 8), (1, 9)
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The 'X' at (4, 5) is circled.

Lt. C. W. Mylius P S/Sgt. J. R. Russell TT

Lt. W. G. McCoy CP Sgt. G. R. Brown BT

Lt. C. J. Galligan N Sgt. C. E. McSpadden RW

Lt. N. T. High B S/Sgt. E. J. Sullivan LW

S/Sgt. V. J. Wood RAD S/Sgt. H. D. Fern TG

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 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name)

TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed:

On target

10 x 500

Yours:

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

Others

If target, not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

Right on Bottom
Yours: Hangers exploded after
Bombing

Others: Crash ahead
on air runways.
Smoke also coming from
hangers on S. edge of
field.

ARMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen.)

(Numbers and Types)

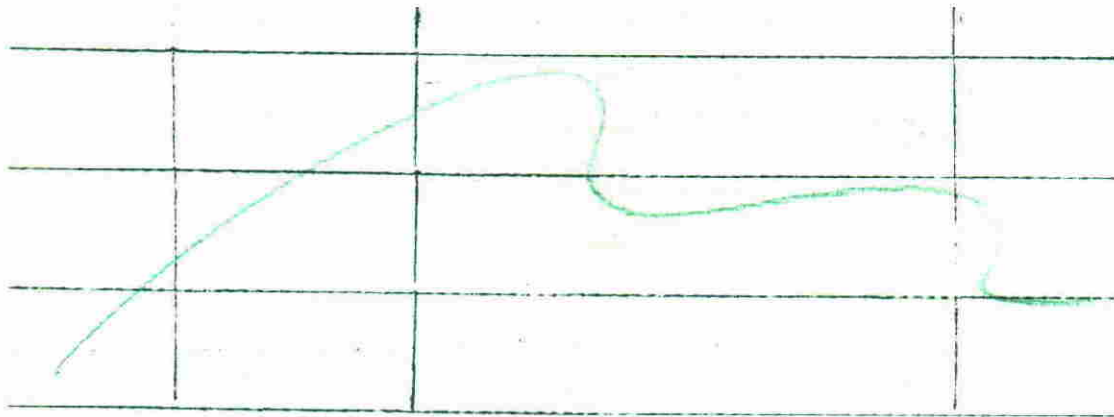
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - gear altitude)

B-17 with H(?) on tail came
to catch in fire 3 miles W. of La
Rocque - 1337 - 14,000' -
in plane in 145 area - Pilot died trying to get out fire
4 chutes - one man whose chute did not open - B-17 exploded
+ 8 RA: 2nd -

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Some search over Bordeaux itself
but target was not discovered
Some search at Nantes (very effective)

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

Two search taken on VHF by other groups
in 145 B area - (Lt. Mylin)

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (HMS) ~~(WAS NOT)~~ SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (RA) (N/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 0

NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0

INTERROGATORS NAME

MacGregor

45A

Deed
GROUP.

Position in formation (at target)	Rank	Name	Rank	Name
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<u>Lt. Wilson, M. V.</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. McAniff, J. W.</u>	TT
<u>Lt. Adams, C. E.</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. Eck, J. A.</u>	BT
<u>Lt. Johnston, J. T.</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. Moreland, W. E.</u>	RW
<u>Lt. Kroenke, R. A.</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. Donahue, G. B.</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. Sweeney, E. V.</u>	RAD	<u>S/gt. Davis, C. G.</u>	TG

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqp't. (Name)

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Results observed

Un'Act For

Yours: *Alfred Smith*

Others: IN HANGATS.

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

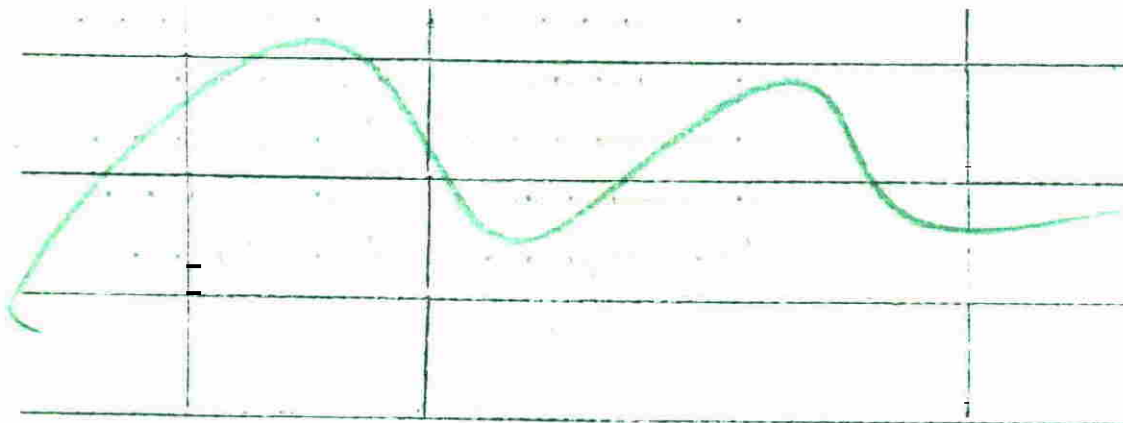
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(Numbers and Types)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
observations of interest - your altitude)

1338- LAROCHE 10 MILES EAST - 15000 -
B17 GP TO LEFT - AT 1200 WENT INTO SLOW
MODE #2 ENGINE AFIRE - CRASHED - 2 CHUTES.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

355-45° 20-0140-6 SHIP-2 CARGO-6 TUGS!
INING AT FORMATION - 17000 - 10-2 JZ.

SMOKE SCREEN AT LANCE 1318 HRS. - SMOKE
IS ON EAST OF TOWN - 2 LG. ~~LAKE ANGE~~ 45° 10 0140
FIRES SEEN EAST OF LAKE LAXA/BE

CREW SUGGESTIONS

WBS TO CLEAN GUNS -

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) ~~SERIOUSLY~~ / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (JA) (P/A).

NO. P/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. P/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

L. King

INTF

Position in formation (at target)	Rank	Name	Rank	Name
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	X		Lt. Stout, J. R.	F	T/Sgt. Pratt, L. M.	TT
X	X	X				
	X		Lt. Lunsford, R. C.	CPS	Sgt Greene, D. E.	BT
X	X	(X)				
X	X	X	Lt. Nelson, R. B.	N S	SgtCalkin, F. E.	RW
X	X	X				
X	X	X	Lt. Polak, G. G.	B S	Sgt. McDermott, B. J.	LW
	X					
X	X	X	T/Sgt. Cooper, J. P.	RADS	Sgt. Lamch, C. W.	TG

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

TARGET BOMBED
(name) *Pyman*
44°50'-00°42' W On target
Hrs 1448 Jetticons
Lead. mag 73° Br't back
Alt. 22,700 Un'Act Fo

10/500 - GP

6 Bombs shot at target - average
Yours: 1 Bomb hit hangar
Smoke screen at
Others: Nathan Badear

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

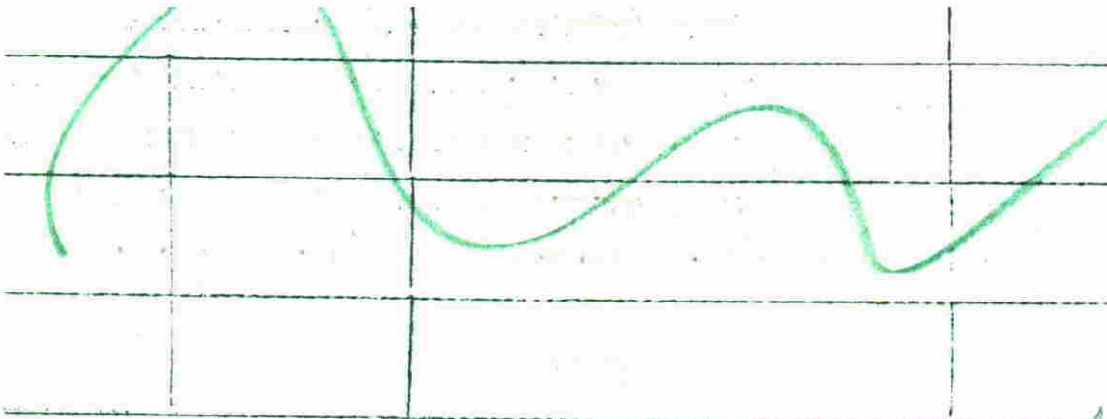
(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(Numbers and Types)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and E/A No. - Condition -

where down - eights - any unusual

occurrences of interest - hour altitude)

12500 Alt-46°38'-01°33'W

B-17 down at 1340 hours -
(Outg H(?) group) -
#2 engine on fire -
plane was not hit by A/A or E/A. 4 chutes
seen and plane was seen blow up as hit ground.OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Smoke Screens seen at Airfield 44°03'-01°06'W

" " " " " " 44°16'-00°54'W

+ Capt Rank or Smoke Screen at - 44°56'-01°01'W

Smoke Screen at Nantes (1323 hours) in woods
(See attached sheet)CREW SUGGESTIONSTake Hatch out of ga position in Radio Comp (Radio) -
Can't see with it inFIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent -

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONSTHIS SHIP ~~(WAS)~~ (WAS NOT) ~~SEVERELY / SIGNIFICANTLY~~ DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED

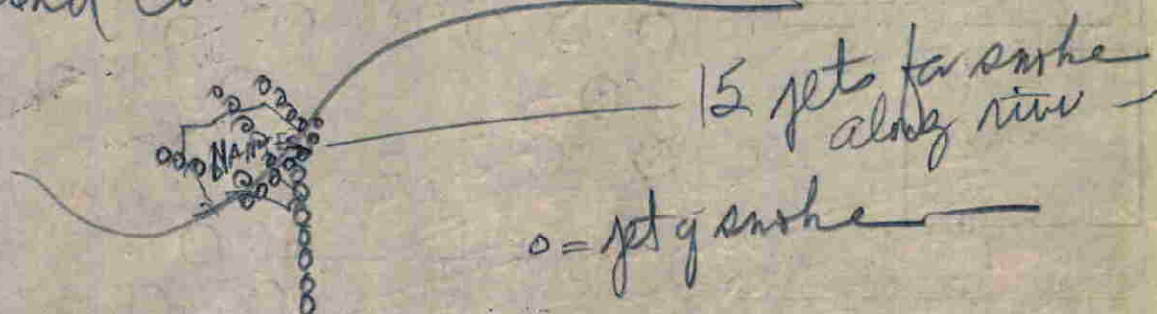
NO. E/A DAMAGED.

INTERROGATORS NAME

Observation

Stout

~~Col pilot report~~
Smoke screen at Nantes - seemed as if it
were sprayed up thru a nozzle and it then
dispersed. Stream would go up about 200 ft
and covered entire town -

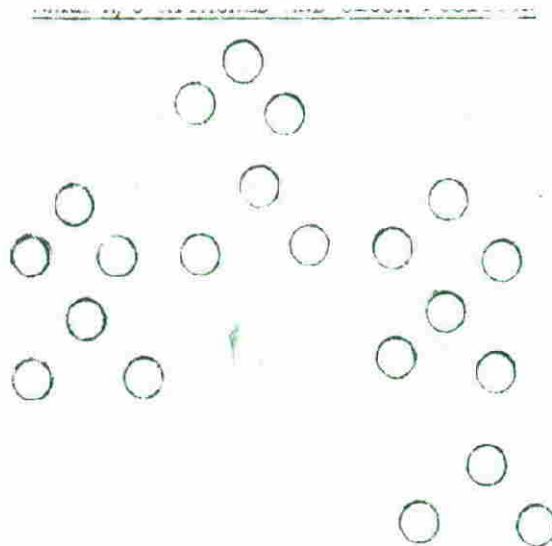


7 boats seen at 1401 hours at $45^{\circ}20' - 01^{\circ}40'N$
heading 185° alt 16860. Shot flares at us then
turned to land -

Smoke screen at La Rochelle.
at 1519 hours - heading 020° alt 13200

Our Heading: _____
 Type of E/A: _____
 Clock Pos. _____
 Attack Level _____

DO NOT
 WRITE IN
 THIS SPACE



COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: _____ Position _____

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A: _____

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. _____

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of Interrogator:

INTERROGATOR _____ Time _____

If formation varied widely from standard, show by diagram on back of this sheet
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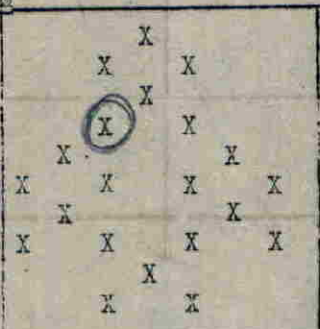
Crew 52

Porter

GIBBONS

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 350 A/C NO. 521 LTR. BOB LOAD 10x500 DATE 27-3-44

Position in formation (at target)	Rank	Name	Rank	Name
		<u>Lt. Gibbons, J. P.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>T/Sgt. Arnold, I. L.</u> TT
		<u>Lt. Dykeman, R.</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>S/Sgt. Spragg, B. L.</u> BT
		<u>Lt. Johnson, E. M.</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>S/Sgt. Ettus, M. J.</u> RW
		<u>Lt. Blakeman, S. R.</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S/Sgt. Buschmeier, F. W.</u> <i>MEIER</i> LW
		<u>S/Sgt. Roberto, C. V.</u>	<u>RAD</u>	<u>S/Sgt. Bunting, A. W.</u> TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size	Bomb Type	Results observed
On target <u>10x500</u>		<u>at 1449 - 23,000,</u>
Jettisoned _____		<u>Yours: may head 750.</u>
Br't back _____		<u>Bombs seen on</u>
Un'Act For _____		<u>Others: <u>Hangars on East</u></u>

If target not bombed - why? Side of field

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

None (No. E/F Seen) _____ (Numbers and Types)

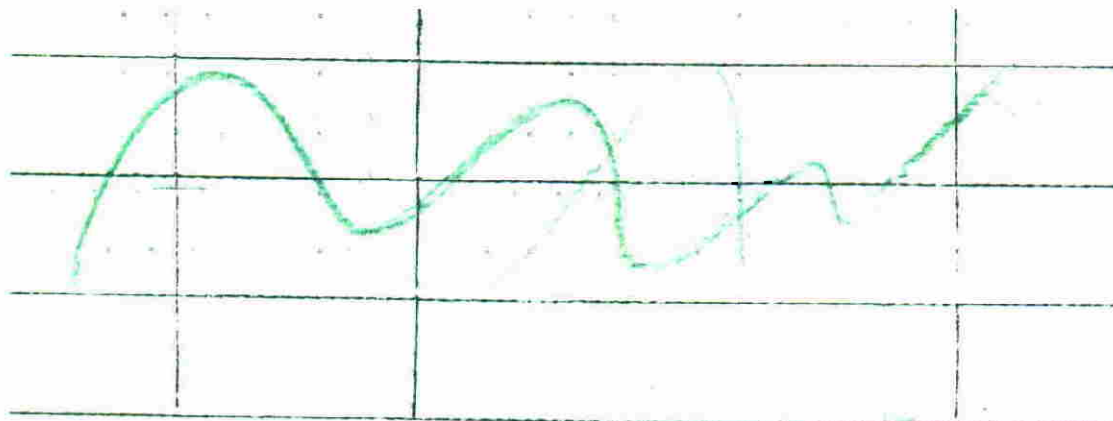
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -

where down - chutes - any unusual occurrences of interest - your altitude)

1-2-57 Jan 46th #2 - engine trouble and fuel
off - 3 minutes - engine - then engine
shut down - chute did not open - a fuel
OBSERVATIONS OF CREW then point into a steep climb
and went into ground.

Smoke seen at Nantux - La Ballie,
Rennes.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

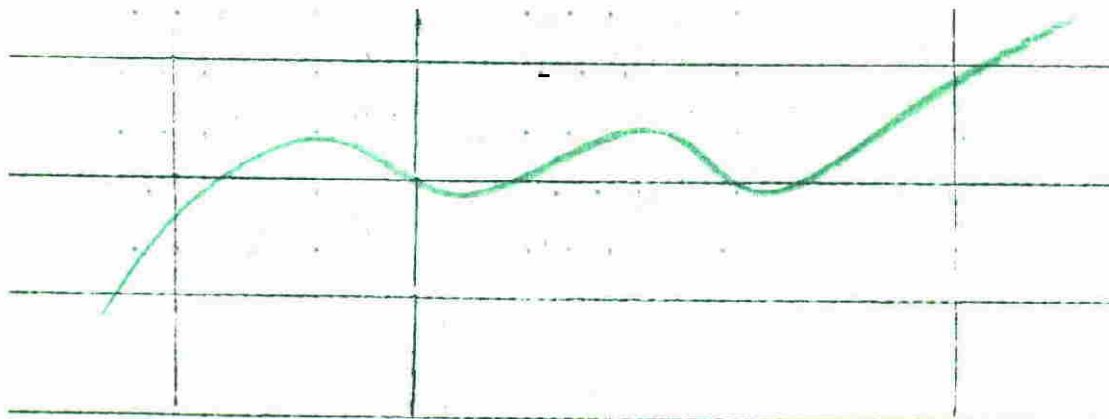
INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME _____

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and E/C No. - Condition -

where down - chutes - any unusual

occurrences of interest - your altitude)

S/Sgt Whinnery - at 1335
(46°42' - 01°33'W) some 6-17

was jump chuted at 10 o'clock,
pulled out of formation with No. 2 engine on
fire - not by enemy action. Plane later
spun down, but 5 chutes were seen coming out.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Saw in the area at 1401 - (45°35'N - 01°32'W)
The first fire was from the back - wisconsin
The first photo was taken at 1313 - photo of road with smoke rising and
(45°43'N - 01°12'W); (2) Lake River at 1401 (Wisconsin); (3) photo of
the lake at 1401. (1) & (2) taken at 1400; (3) at 1400.

CREW'S DIRECTION'S

Also photo of flooded IP from 23,000 ft. at 1458 (45°13'N -
01°11'W) - the first photo of the lake, airport from 21,000 ft.
Back to the lake by floodlight because there was no wire
for guidance and a but no light was adequate for long mission.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

O.K.

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONSTHIS SHIP ~~(was)~~ (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (RA) (E/A).NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED NoneNO. E/A DAMAGED. None

INTERROGATOR'S NAME _____

INTERROGATION FORM

Crew. #35

Rank

Name _____

Rank

Name _____

Lt. J. A. Evans	P	Sgt. T. M. Eady	TT
Lt. E. F. Talbert	CP	Sgt. W. A. Barback	BT
Lt. H. Mears	N	Sgt. L. H. Lythgoe	RW
Lt. J. A. Graziano	B	Sgt. C. Foster	LM
Sgt. P. Churchill	RAD	Sgt. E. J. DeLucia	TG

Illness or disability (Name) None

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

TARGET BOMBED

(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target 10X500 G. P. R. T. Bordeaux.

Yours: Bombs hit on
One set of ladders

Jettoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

If target not
bombed - why?

were seen in target area.

If returned early point of turning, reason, time, altitude

Possibility of Smoke Screen
at target - Bordeaux -

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION Appeared as if they attempted to put it in use but failed. (Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. H/S. Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

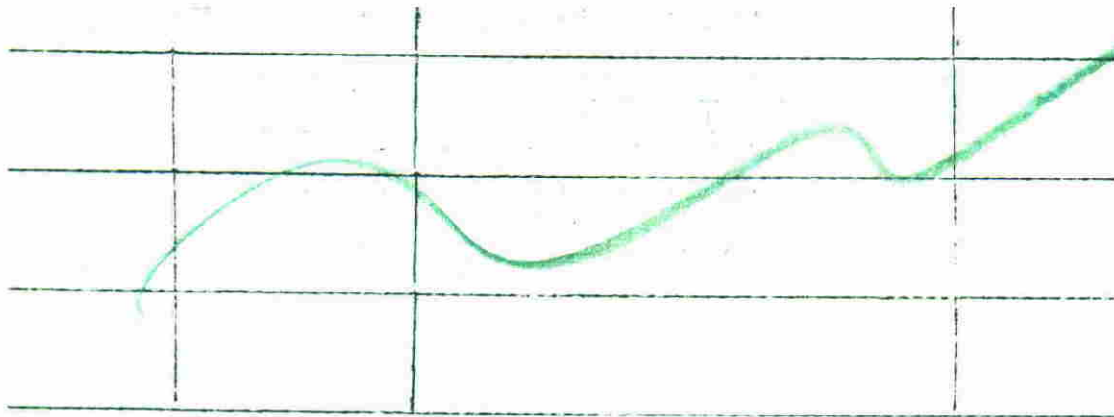
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and S/U No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

1335 - 3 Chutes seen
out of a B-17
B-17 seen going
down in flames. (4030 N - 0230 W)

OBSERVATIONS OF AREA

(1) 1405 - 6 small Vessels
seen at 4540 N - 0230 W - going
in various directions - Alt. 16,000.
Saw a gunfire flashes from
ships.

OTHER OBSERVATIONS

(2) Smoke Screen observed coming
from Nantes Area.
Food - Missions to long without
anything to eat from 0330 to 2000.

WATER SUPPORT

(2) Heat elements rather than modified
in elements.
(3) Suggested that New ships get some
Bullet proof glass.

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (RA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

L. W. Sheets

1339 hr, 4642H, 01-29W

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/J No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

B17. Thought from 3889h. at 10 o'clock level, left formation to right, turned smoke; radio room observed on fire. 5 men jumped out (4 parachutes seen to other) Observations of A/J ~~parachutes~~ falling apart & then exploded as it hit ground. Smoke screen over Nantes effective - covered town. Smoke screen over Bordeaux - effective for city.

1356 hr, 1620 ft. 45-51H, 01-27W. Shaped like cargo ship. Some one shot & flak.

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

Have ~~gun~~ clean out radio room after chaff is dumped.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

very good

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (HMS) (JAS HOP) SEVERELY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (HMS) (T/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME _____

Captain

GROUP 10G SQD 351 A/C NO. 767 LTR. BOMB LOAD 17X500 DATE 27/3/44

Position in formation
(at target)

Name _____

Rank

Name _____

<u>Lt. R. J. Shoens</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt. T. Fresman</u>	TT
<u>Lt. D. R. Shand</u>	CP	<u>Pvt. W. G. Williams</u>	BT
<u>Lt. J. J. Devine</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. V. H. Warden</u>	RW
<u>Lt. G. Hudson</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. W. W. Wright</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. D. E. Hammond</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. D. I. Blair</u>	TC

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Egmt. (Name) _____

TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target 10X500 GP

TIME 1448
Yours: PLACE PRIMARY
ALT. 22000
MH. 65°

Jettisoned _____

Br't back

Un'Act For _____

Others: *Visual Bombing*

If target not
bombed - why?

Our bombs hit the edge of runway
but behind us missed buildings 400 ft
but ahead hit buildings near lake.

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

~~ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION~~

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/5 Seer.)

(Numbers and Types)

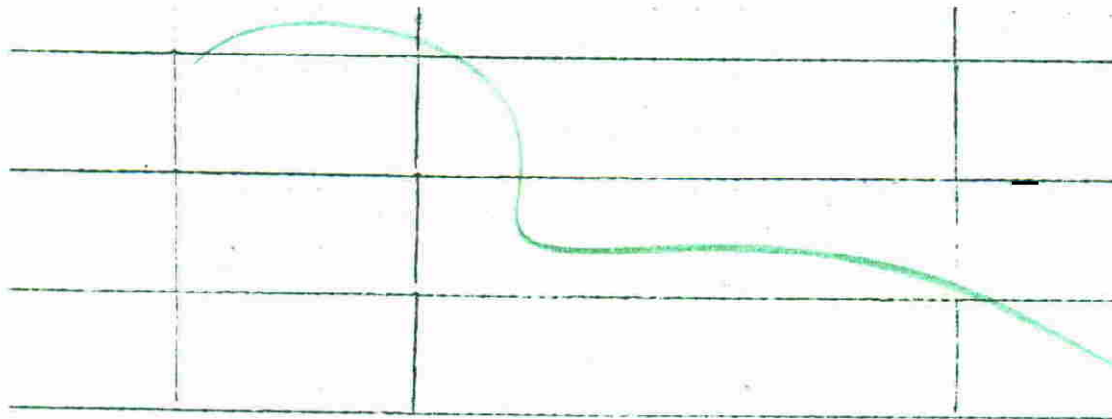
Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

S/2 17/7/15/43

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

1338-B17 at La Roche was on fire coming out near beach bay.
Chute out - crashed.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Wanted to get some info.
Army camp between field bombed and near

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

O

FIGHTER SUPPORT

OK.

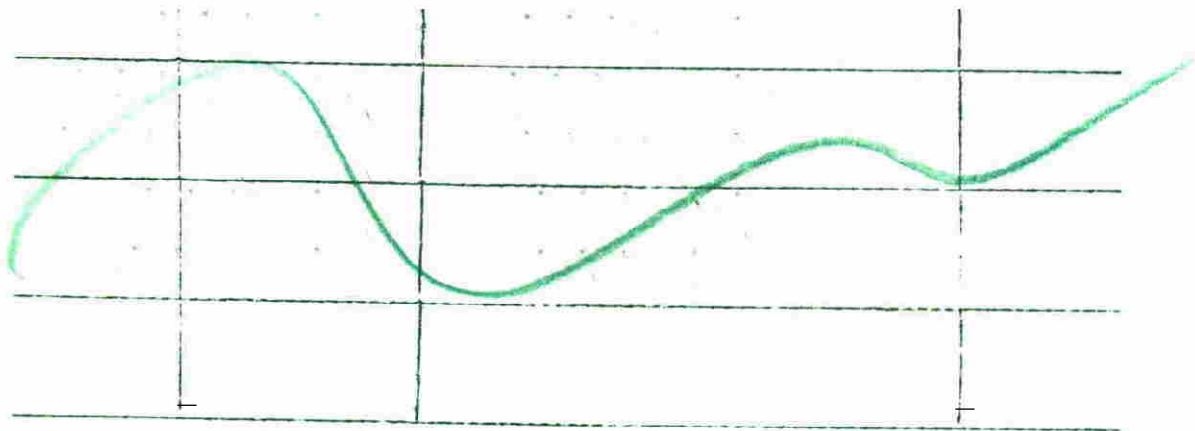
INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (E/A) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 0

NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0

INTERROGATOR'S NAME J. Dawson



FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -

where down - eights - any unusual

occurrences of interest - your altitude)

13:38 - 15000 - 2000

46°30'N 010°35'W - 8-17

in fire - 4 chutes seen - plane crashed
and exploded.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Truck Conroy - 13,000', 12:55 48020
01°20'W - on road going West. road 280° heading
13:44 - 1900 - 16000' - 46°25'N 010°38'W
Lost 9 small ships in harbor.

SEVEN INVESTIGATIONS
Bond - P-38
especially good
FIGHTER SUPPORT
↑

Smoke screen - 1420 - 1800 -
14,500' - 44°55'N 010°10'W - heavy.
14:20 - 44°15'N 010°08'W - 20,000
Large smoke screen -
Heavy smoke screen at Kante,
13:24 - 14000'

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (N/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 0NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

St. Tammertam - Top target of lead ship
Our element had guns trained on our ship
all time. Suggest he be instructed to watch
#1.

GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO. 011 LTR. BOAB LOAD 10X500 DATE 27/3/44

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A diagram of a rectangular field with a grid of points marked with 'X'. A central vertical line divides the field. A point on the left side is circled and labeled 'A'.

<u>Lt. F. C. Kincannon</u>	P	<u>S/Sgt. D. B. Deason</u>	TT
<u>Lt. E. L. Farnum</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. G. E. Snider</u>	BT
<u>Lt. L. H. Abramowitz</u>	N	<u>Sgt. B. M. Tarnecki</u>	RW
<u>Lt. F. E. Nance</u>	B	<u>Sgt. C. E. Garrette</u>	LW
<u>Sgt. C. L. Edge</u>	RAD	<u>Sgt. R. C. Chavez</u>	TG

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name)

(name)

[illegible]

On target 10 X 500

Yours:

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

Others:

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:

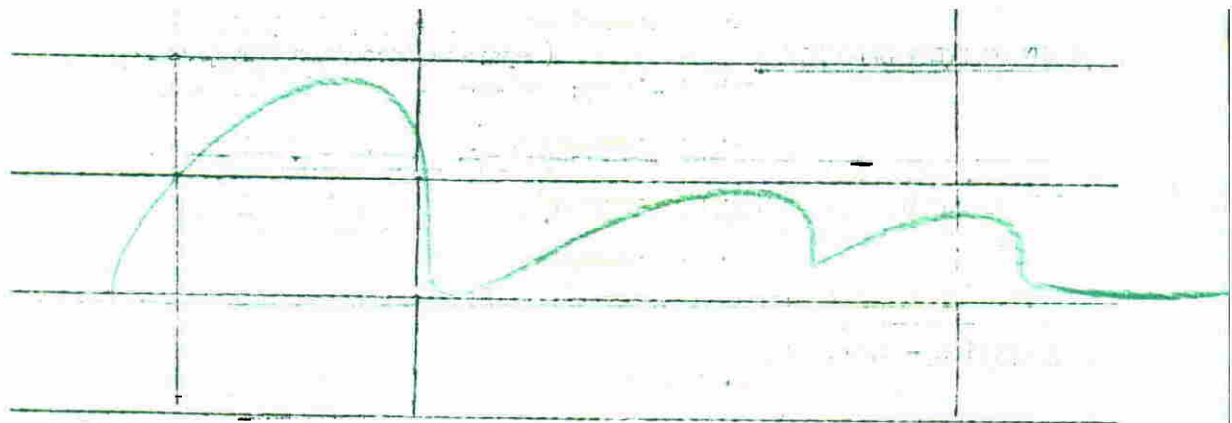
(Place-time-altitude)

(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/J No. - Condition -

where down - chutes - any unusual

occurrences of interest. - your altitude)

① 1335 - 41630'N - 0130'W -
 67 - left formation with 2 engines
 Tail gunner reports
 he saw ① chute - first then two - Thrust zero, then one

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

③ Indicated by a white smoke stream of white
 D'ASSE 40-000 (4145' 01'00")
 2 white objects looking like burning A/C seen in first stat
 ① 20 01 30 - 1600 hours -
 again later -

FIGHTER SUPPORTINTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WMS) (WMS 407) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (RA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 0NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0INTERROGATORS NAME M. J. M. J.

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WRIGHT

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQUAD 349 A/C NO. 127 LTR. BOMB LOAD 10x500 DATE 27-3-44

Position in formation
(at target)

3

		X			
	X		X		
		X			
	X		X		
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		X		X	
	X				
		X			

Lt. Wright, R. W.	F	Sgt. Madsen, A. P.	TT
Lt. Raper, J. W.	CP	Sgt. Palmquist, J. H.	BT
Lt. Currah, R.	N	Sgt. Hirschberger, C. J.	RW
Lt. Herrman, C. A.	B	S/Sgt. Bridges, A. T.	LW
Sgt. Montondo, R. J.	RAD	Sgt. Wilburn, J. R.	TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

TARGET BOMBED

(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

10

500

Yours: *On primary - hit on left hand cannon,*

Jettisoned

Others: *hitting hangar - results good,*

Br't back

Un'Act For

If target not bombed - why?

If returned early point of turning, reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

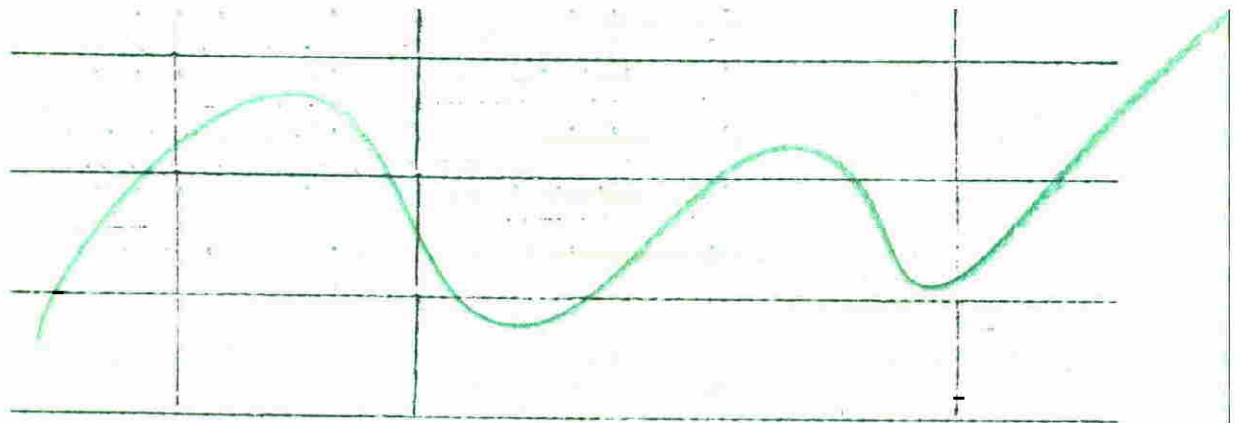
Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition - 1 B17 down at
 where down - dates - any unusual La Rochelle - seven
 occurrences of interest - your altitude #2 engine on fire -
 still #4 engine - broke out of formation
 to right & into diving turn -

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Nantes & Bordeaux smoke
 screen.
 A/C states messages were
 from Bremen that, I saw, landed south of
 same this morning.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

on crisis - also concluded about
 making formation

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good -

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

Nantes & Bordeaux

J.C. HARPER

X

Position in formation
(at target)

Name

<u>Lt. J. C. Harper</u>	F	<u>T/Sgt. W. S. Carter</u>	TT
<u>Lt. T. L. Hulsey</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt. J. E. Kye</u>	BT
<u>Lt. C. C. Cowing</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt. F. A. Podstawski</u>	RW
<u>Lt. W. A. Naerula</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt. K. C. Helming</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt. R. E. Hudson</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt. J. L. Mauk</u>	TG

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) _____

Results observed

On target 10-500 G-P

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For _____

Yours: Short of longer
inside A/D Paper

Others:

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

16 - ME 109's
(No. E/S Seep.)

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors: - 1338-8 ME 109'S seen ~~at~~
 (Not previously reported) 4 mi W. of La Brea - in distance - very

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

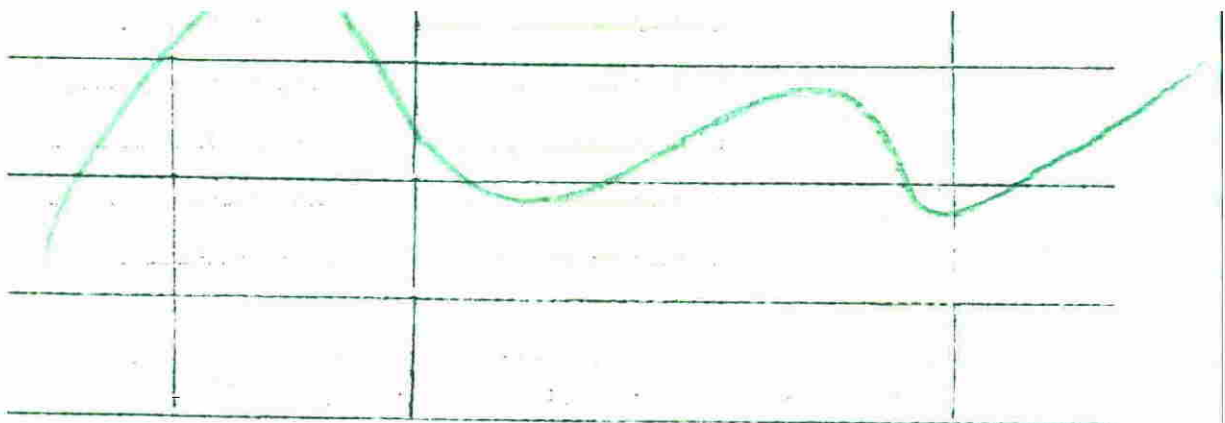
Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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3 Seen) (Numbers and types)
 ings and colors: - 1338 - 8 ME 109's seen attacking
 usly reported) w. of La Balle -
 4 mi ~~other 109's~~ - in distance - may
 of attack: have attacked other 109's -
 e-altitude)
 - Intensity)

es and our
 measures: 1604 - 4743-0059 - 13,500 -
 E/A attacking 1/2 two miles behind + 1 mile to
 our left - High 1/2 of wing - 1 B-17 seen
 bombing- to rushing, but was thought to
 weapons have made it out.



FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and e/s No. - Condition - where down - causes - any unusual occurrences of interest - your altitude)

1338 - 4 mi w. of La Roche - B-17 from 4p to and left "K" - shot red-red flare and pulled away to left - was seen to hit ground and explode - Cause unknown - no fighters - no flock - 4 chutes seen.
1506 - 4530-0140W - 17000 - B-17 from 4p 6 o'clock low 2 mi back - turned back toward French coast - cause unknown - no chutes.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

1442 - 22600 - 4433N - 0053 - A/D bombed - bombs ran right up west edge of field -
20 Lots of smoke observed in harbor area of La Rochelle - Probably bombed
Heavy smoke screen was put up at NANTES -
A/D at La Roche well camouflaged - 5 large hangars on SE corner found here
CREW SUGGESTIONS joined together - no runways - buildings may be in use for something else -
very large buildings that resembled oil refinery were seen about half way between La Roche + coast at 4525N - 0238W -
Bridged over river at 4722N - 0110 1/2 W - Not on map -
PILOT SUPPORT
Saw several flock boats and 1 big + 1 med. freighter with small escort vessels seen in Bay of Biscay with M of GARONNE River.
Good

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

B - all men should be given bottle of Scotch at end of mission
EM - Keys to Clean Guns

THIS SHIP (NAME) (HAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (RA) (F/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 0

NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0

INTERROGATOR'S NAME C

BT Remains Cylindrical on B.T. - Should be an incident.

FORMATION POSITION

LEAD SQDN

Elton-Van Steenis 903

Gibbons 621

Malooly 534

McKay 941

Harper 981

Howard 074

LOW SQDN
Harper 904HIGH SQDN
Zeller 700

Thomas 191

Rice 154

Mylins 018

Mon rad 983

Kincannon 011

Shoens 767

Evans 065

Gorski 071

Greiner 066

Rake 047

XXXXXXXXXX
SPARES
TRAIL SQDNStout 607Harts 783Wright 127

Wilson 987

Shaddix 534

Horne 957

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DATE 27/3/44

HRS.

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS.....PT Bordeaux/Merignac ST

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ALT 22,800

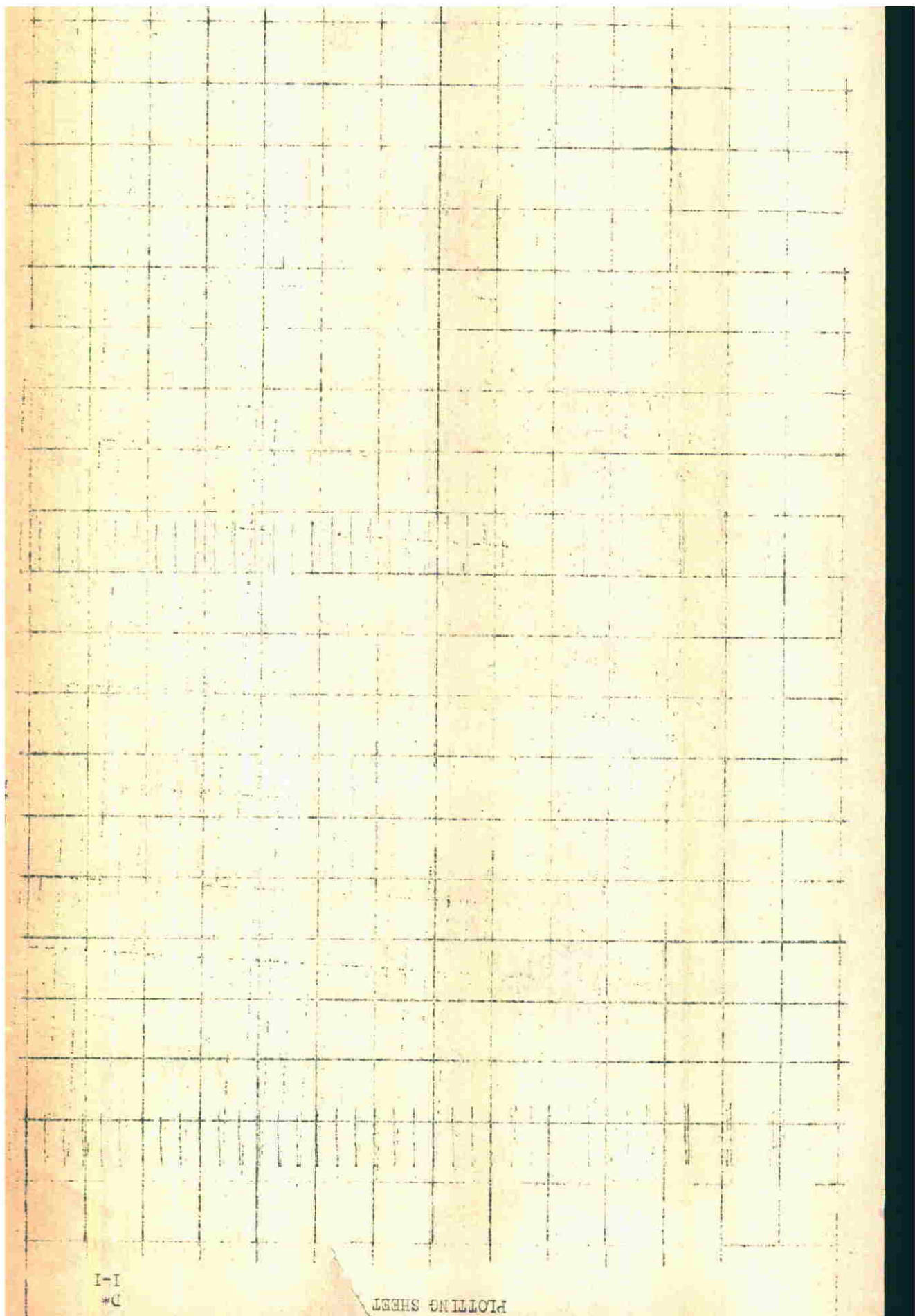
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GROUP 100

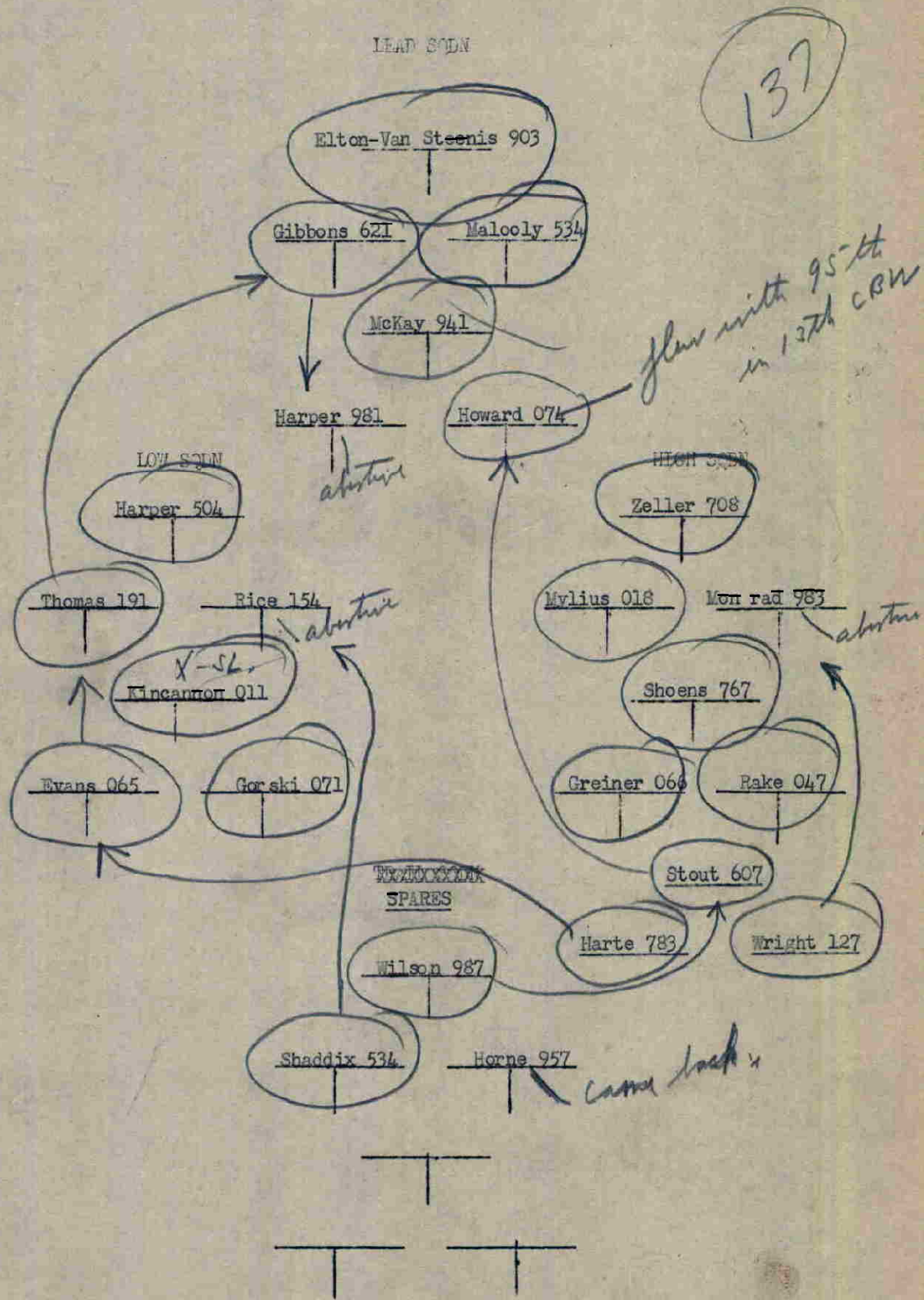
HRS.

GROUP

PILOT	SQDN	A/C NO.	LOADING	TARGET		OTHER		CASUALTIES		SERIOUS SLIGHT BATTLE DAMAGE	JETTY-SONED	REMARKS	
				FT	OTHER	OTHER	K	M	H			R	BRIT BACK
Elton-Van Steenis	350	903	10x500	10x500									
Evans	418	065	"	10x500									
Gibbons	350	621	"	10x500									
Gorski	418	071	"	10x500									
Greiner	351	066	"	10x500									
Harper	418	504	"	10x500									
C.B. Harper	350	981	"										
Lt. F. W. Harte	349	783	"	10x500									10x500 Salt-00/8W - Formation Missed
Horne (spare)	349	957	"										10x500 56-00 NW - SPARE
Howard	350	074	"	10x500	1445	12,200							
Kincannon	418	011	"	10x500									
McKay	350	941	"	10x500									
Malooly	350	534	"	10x500									
Monrad	351	983	"										10x500 Coast England - Me. 04.
Mylius	351	018	"	10x500									
Rake	351	047	"	10x500									10x500 52-00/1-0004W - 445-200-11-15-24
Rice	418	154	"										
Shaddix (spare)	349	534	"	10x500									
Shoens	351	767	"	10x500									
Stout	349	607	"	10x500									
Thomas	418	191	"	10x500									
Wilson (spare)	349	987	"	10x500									
Wright	349	127	"	10x500									
Capt. J.L. Zeller	351	708	"	10x500									



FORMATION POSITION



100th GROUP

FORMATION POSITION
LEAD SQDN
ENTRAP100TH BOMB GROUP
COMBAT MISSION OF
27 March 1944

Elton-Van Steenis 903 T

Gibbons 621 A

Malooly 534 Z

McKay 941 W

Harper 981 E

Howard 074 Q

LOW SQDN.

PERFUME

Harper 504 Q

HIGH SQDN

BLUNTISH

Sellar 708 H

Thomas 191 W

Rice 154 A

Mylius 019 L

Monrad 983 F

Kincannon 011 T

Shoens 767 E

Evans 065 U

Goraki 071 P

Greiner 066 H

Rake 047 O

(Ditch Ship)

RATHMORE
Stout 607 H

composite Group

Harte 783 E

Wright 127 J

(Ditch ship)

SPARES

Wilson 987 A

Shaddix 534 N

Horne 957 D

(F) - E-17F

(G) - E-17G

R/E - Returned Early

Ground Spares

800 A BLUNTISH

049 U ENTRAP

710 F RATHMORE

DATE _____

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AUTHORIZED ADMISSIONCHECK NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

ABBEY, LT.

TURNER, MAJOR

BALL, LT.

WILLIAMS, J.C. LT.

BARR, CAPT.

WILLIAMS, M. M/SCT.

BENNETT, MAJOR

BLAKELY, CAPT.

S-2 DUTY OFFICER Lt. Juster

CARNELL, CAPT.

Major Shaw

CLOUTER, LT.

Lt. Terry

CROSBY, CAPT.

Capt. Bowman ✓

DOUGLASS, CAPT.

S/Sgt. Cannon ✓

ELTON, MAJOR

Sgt. Wyatt

FLESHER, LT. COL.

Sgt. Clark

FRIE, LT.

Sgt. Horak

FULLER, CAPT.

Sgt. Du Praz

HARDING, COL.

DUTY NAVIGATOR Capt. Crosby, Lt. Knapp, Lt. [unclear],
/Socly.

HANDY, CAPT.

DUTY BOMBARDIER Capt. Douglas

HIBBARD, LT.

IANNACONE, CAPT.

Add additional names when verbally
authorized by S-2 Duty Officer:

KIDD, LT. COL.

Maj. Cohen

KIESSLING, CAPT.

Lt. Mac Bracken Radio [unclear]
Briefed

KINDER, CAPT.

KNIGHT, CAPT.

LASH, CAPT.

LUCKADOO, LT.

McCARTHY, CAPT.

REEDER, CAPT.

DATE OF BRIEFING 27 March 1944

SHAW, MAJOR

STOVER, CAPT. ✓

S-2 52-18/1/44

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PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

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BENNETT, MAJOR

BLAKELY, CAPT. ✓

S-2 DUTY OFFICER Lt. Juster

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Major Shaw +

CLAUTER, LT.

Lt. Terry

CROSBY, CAPT.

Capt. Bowman

DOUGLASS, CAPT.

S/Sgt. Gannon

ELTON, MAJOR

Sgt. Wyatt

FLEISHER, LT. COL.

Sgt. Clark ✓

FRYE, LT.

Sgt. Horak

FULLER, CAPT.

Sgt. Du Praz

HARDING, COL.

DUTY NAVIGATOR Capt Crosby, Lt Knapp, Lt. Seely

HARDY, CAPT.

DUTY BOMBARDIER Capt. Douglas

HIBBARD, LT.

IANNACONE, CAPT.

Add additional names when verbally
authorized by S-2 Duty Officer:

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KIESSLING, CAPT.

KIELER, CAPT.

KNIGHT, CAPT.

LASH, CAPT.

LUCKADOO, LT.

McCARATHY, CAPT.

REELER, CAPT.

DATE OF BRIEFING _____

SHAW, MAJOR

STOVER, CAPT.

S-2 52-18/1/4A

THE FOLLOWING SHIPS HAVE CAMERAS WHICH ARE SET TO GO OFF
AUTOMATICALLY WITH BOMBS AWAY.

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CHECK SHEET
Duty Officer27-MAR-44.
(Date)

(Check each of following as handled)

SPECIAL
NOTES

BRIEFING INFORMATION

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. From File Room | |
| 2. From Map Room | |
| 3. Course, pictures & maps (War Room) | |
| 4. Pictures & maps (Main Briefing Room) | |
| 5. Course - Briefing Rooms (Duty Navigator) | |
| 6. Bulk maps & pictures to Map Room | |
| 7. Epiadiascope pictures prepared | ✓ |

FOOD

FIRES

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Gunners' Briefing Room (Tele. #53) | ✓ |
| 2. Main Briefing Room (By 2400 hours) | ✓ |

GUARDS

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Authorized Admission List | ✓ |
| 2. Posting | ✓ |
| 3. Dismissal | |

P/W KITS

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Loading | |
| 2. Check out sheet & EM assignment | |

POST BRIEFING

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Personal property & issue records to S-2 | |
| 2. Main Briefing Rm. (Lights out, stoves closed) | |
| 3. Briefing Material to Files in folder
(Removed from both Briefing Rooms) | |

(Fill in time or name)

1. Pre-Briefing at 0515

2. Briefing at 0430

3. Time over target 1228

4. ETR 1645

5. No. Crews on Mission 21 + 3

6. File & Map clerks called at 0130

7. Other EM called at 0130

8. Officers notified at:

a. Main Briefing 0730

b. Gunners' Briefing 0730

c. Major Shaw 0730

9. Assignments:

a. Gunners' Epiadiascope Sgt. [Signature]

b. Main Br. Epiadiascope Sgt. [Signature]

c. P/W Kits Sgt. [Signature]

d. Map Room Sgt. [Signature]

10. Personal phone calls stopped ✓

NOTE: Official telephone calls are to be noted in the Journal. Time, Date & Duty Officer's initials go on each order or annex received from Operations.

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March

GUNNERS' BRIEFING

All three divisions of 8th AF are attacking training fields in the vicinity of Bordeaux. The divisions follow the same

1. TARGET: (General Location, importance, size)
course across the French peninsula until landfall near Bordeaux. The 100th is flying today with the 45th AW, and is high group in that wing.

2 Div + 2 wings of 1 Div. leaving Selsey Bice. 3 wings of 1st Div leaving Beachy Head - 3rd Division from Shoreham. 3rd Div is last.

Secondary + L.R. target - any airbase positively identified as not being near a built-up area

Entire mission is designed to cripple the Luftwaffe's advanced training bases.

2. ROUTE IN (Timing data)

a. Taxi 0815
b. Take off 0830
c. Rendezvous with other Groups
22,000 d. Reach Bombing altitude 1246
e. Temperature at Bombing altitude -15.7
f. Leave British coast 1042
g. Arrive Enemy Coast 1712
h. ETA at IP for PT 1310
i. Axis of attack 60°
j. PT (s) 1319
k. Rally point 1322

ROUTE OUT (Timing Data)

l. Leave Enemy coast 1534 - let down
m. Time of descent —
n. Place of descent —
o. Arrive English coast 1610
p. ETR 1700

Time over territory:
2 hrs. 10 min.

0-3/10 low clouds.

3. ENEMY DEFENSES

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- a. KNOWN Flak areas along route in and out: (Number & Type of Guns)
If Known (Mobile Flak units; on RR cars & barges)

The route across France is believed free of flak. Maybe defenses right & left of course at Orléans & Bayonne Nantes & La Pallice-Lille area heavily defended. Les Sables has possible heavier defenses. Left turn after bombing will ~~not~~ get out of flak quickly & avoid many guns in the Bordeaux area.

- b. FLAK around P. T. # Heavy guns _____: # light guns _____
c. FLAK around S. T. # Heavy guns _____: # light guns _____
d. FLAK around L. R. # Heavy guns _____: # light guns _____

- e. E/A: Types... within _____ miles radius of the Target:

Number — S/E _____; T/E _____; P/B _____; RTU _____

- d. Other defenses:

- a. Smoke Screen
b. Decoys

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- b. Group leading our formation _____
- c. Positions of Squadrons in our Group: Lead _____; High _____;
Low _____;
- d. Bombing alt. of our Group 21,000; other Groups _____
- e. Bomb load 70 x 500
- f. Other efforts:
Targets and times of Diversions and other Friendly efforts:

Any a/c unable to maintain climb from 12,000 ft to bombing alt. will try to join 13th or 4th Wings. Tight defensive formation will be maintained during entire climb & descent.

5. FIGHTER SUPPORT (Warn against firing against our own escort)

- a. Type of A/C 5 groups P-47's - 2 groups P-38's; Strength _____
- b. Time and place of rendezvous _____
- c. Extent of escort:

gen - { 1 gr P-47's 1014
" " " 1040
" " " 1105

2nd Di { 1117 - 29 ps P-38
1309 - 191 P-47's
1335 - 191 P-47's

6. EPIADIASCOPE

P-51's will be in area, supporting 2d Di.

7. CLOSING REMARKS

- a. All observations - TIME, PLACE AND ALTITUDE
- b. Hot News - report time, place, and altitude of our A/C down or going down at sea; or enemy territory and enemy Naval forces.
- c. NOTIFY NAVIGATOR IMMEDIATELY IF A/C IS BELIEVED DAMAGED OR DESTROYED SO THAT PROPER NOTE IS MADE IN NAVIGATOR'S LOG
- d. If captured: Name, Rank, and Serial No.

MAIN BRIEFING

DATE

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BRIEFING O.

Shaw

1. TARGETS: (IMPORTANCE, SIZE & IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS)

A. PRIMARY TARGET:

Today we hit at the basic training of German air force - our target is located a Bordeaux in Southern France - located 5 miles due west of Bordeaux - the last 1 1/2 of the trip is over water & land fall at the 2nd Lake south of Bay of Biscay - our I.P. is the point of Bombing by 13th CW. & Route follows parallel on left of Hoyer Rd.

B. SECONDARY TARGET:

Straight to target.

Target area - 1700' x 150 - 70 yds to Right of Runway 73-SW.

C. LAST RESORT:

Any airframe positively identified not being war a built up area.

2. ROUTE: (FLAK AREAS ON ROUTE IN & RETURN)

A. FROM ENEMY COAST TO I.P.:

Aerial - Bayonne.

Routes

La Pallice - Isl. De Ray

Les Sables

B. FROM I.P. TO TARGET:

C. GUNS AT P.T.:

HEAVY

GUNS AT S.T.:

HEAVY

GUNS AT L.R.:

HEAVY

D. MOBILE FLAK UNITS on BR cars or BARGES (if any)

40-60 addt if over Bordeaux

3. ENEMY FIGHTERS: WITHIN MILES OF THE TARGET.

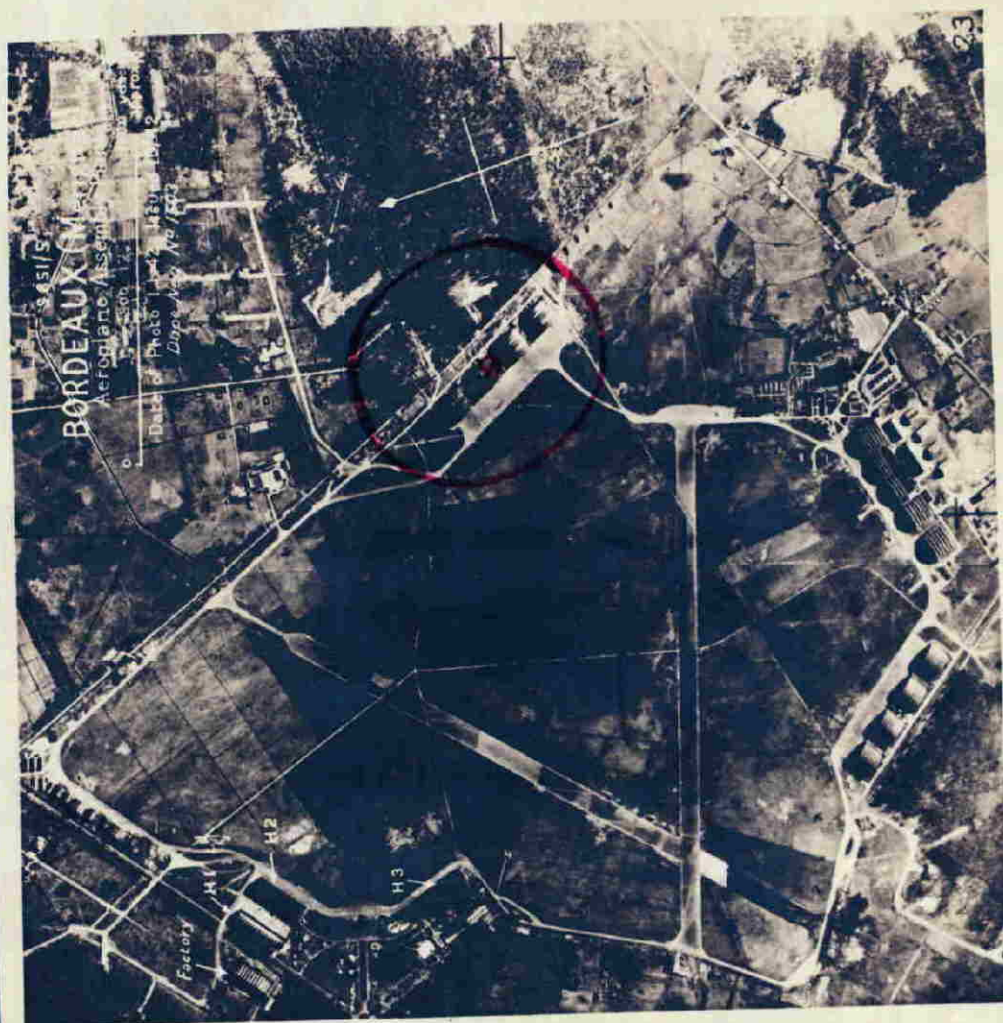
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✓ F/B

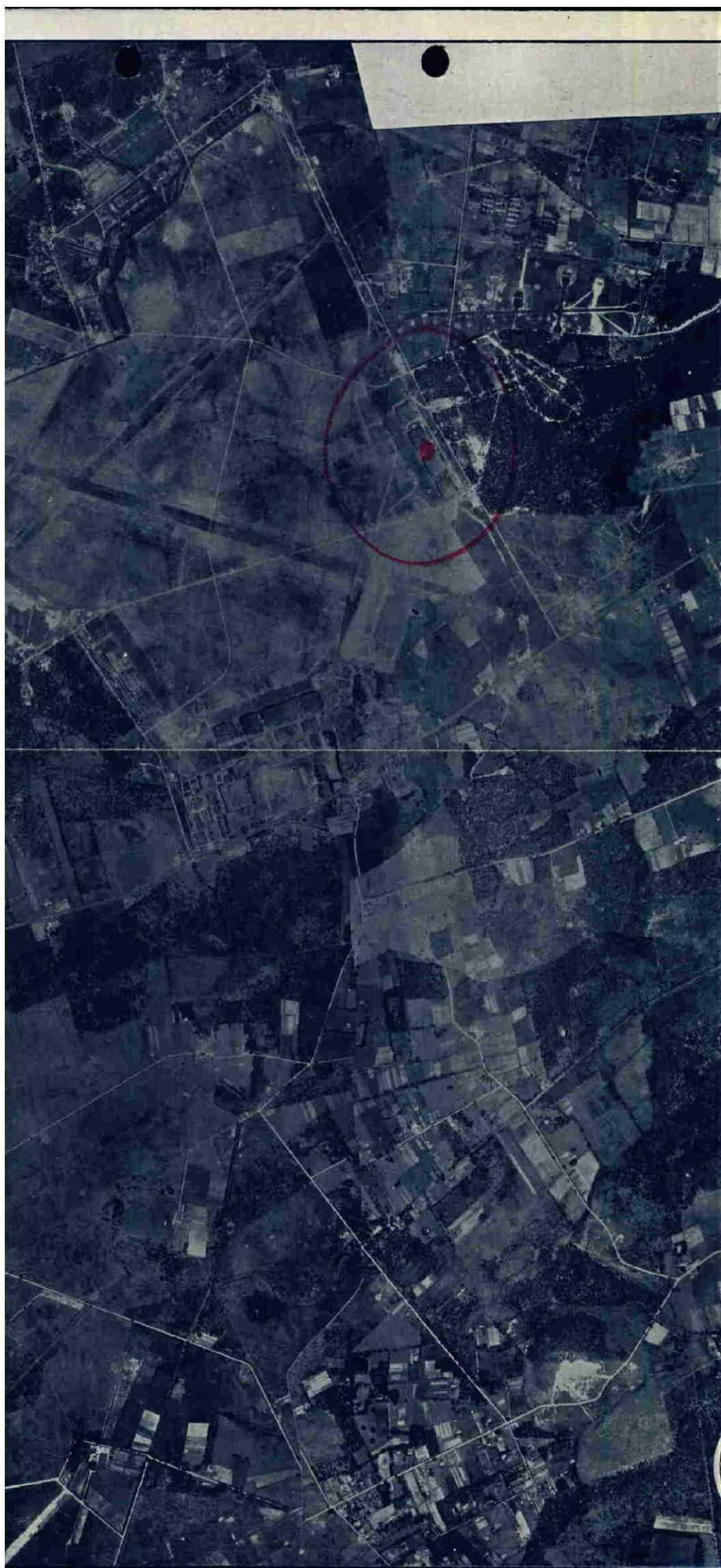
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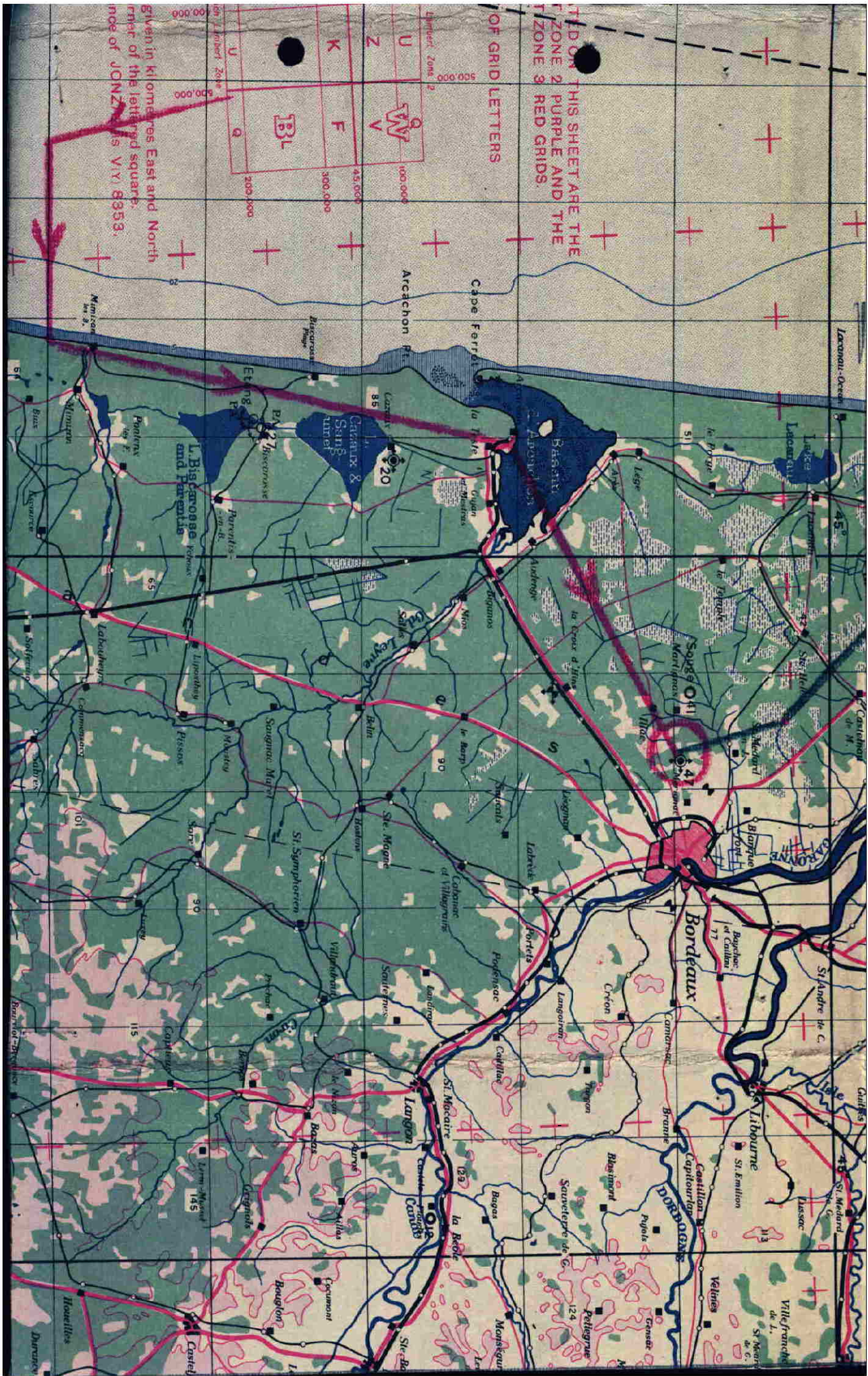
B. TACTICS: (anything new or unusual)



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ADVANCE WARNING TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 189

2. A. TARGETS:

Z353 - MPI 048032/1 - 13TH WING - LEAD GROUP
055042/1 - LOW AND HIGH GROUPS
065065/1 - 4TH WING - LEAD AND LOW GROUPS
085049/1 - HIGH GROUP

Z201 - MPI 029107/7 - 45TH A WING - LEAD GROUP
031074/7 - LOW GROUP
058092/7 - HIGH GROUP
044069/7 - 45TH B WING - LEAD GROUP

AREA BOUNDED BY 043095/7, 060095/7, LOW GROUP
043070/7, 060070/7

AREA BOUNDED BY 030115/7, 047115/7, HIGH GROUP
030090/7, 047090/7

B. FORCE REQUIRED:

4TH COM WG - 4 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP
13TH COM WG - 4 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP
45TH COM WG - 4 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP

X 1 GROUP FROM THE 4TH COM WG AND 1 GROUP FROM THE 13TH
WING WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE 45TH B WING FOR THIS MISSION.

C. ROUTES (TENTATIVE)

(1) TARGET Z-353

SPLASHER 7
SPLASHER 8
SHOREHAM
4923-0056W
4723-0100W
4625-0138W
4530-0140W
4439-0145W
4410-0134W
4410-0118W
TARGET Z-353
4439-0105W
4530-0140W

(2) TARGET Z-201

SAME AS (1) TO:
4439-0145W
4939-0109W
TARGET Z-201
4457-0045W
4530-0140W

FOLLOWING SAME ROUTE AS (1)

3. X. (1) ZERO HOUR: 0930 B.S. T. 27 MARCH 1944

(2) BOMB LOADING:

13TH WING: LEAD GROUP 38 X 100 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL
LOW GROUP 10 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL
HIGH GROUP MAX. LOAD M47A1 I.B.'S

4TH WING: ALL A/C 10 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL

45TH A WING: ALL A/C 10 X 500 LB. G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL

45TH B WING: LEAD GROUP 10 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL
LOW AND HIGH GROUPS MAX. LOAD M-1 FRAG.
BOMBS.

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ADD UNDER C. (1) AFTER 4530-0140W
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3D BOMB DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 189

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT:

TO FOLLOW

B. FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

2ND DIVISION FORCES WILL DEPART SELSEY BILL AT ZERO HOUR. FOLLOW SAME ROUTE AS 3RD DIVISION AND WILL PROCEED TO TARGETS Z434B (2 COM WGS) AND Z-248 (1 COM WG).

2 WINGS OF 1ST DIVISION WILL DEPART SELSEY BILL AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 16 MINUTES, FOLLOW SAME ROUTE AS 3RD DIVISION, AND WILL ATTACK TARGETS Z-482 AND Z-384.

3 WINGS OF 1ST DIVISION WILL DEPART BEACHY HEAD AT ZERO HOUR AND WILL ATTACK TARGETS Z-343, Z-434B, AND Z-248.

2. A. TARGETS:

PRIMARY: Z-353 MPI 048032/1 - 13TH WING LEAD GP
055042/1 LOW AND HIGH GPS.
065065/1 - 4TH WING - LEAD AND LOW GPS.
085049/1 - HIGH GP.

Z-201 MPI 029107/7 - 45TH A WING LEAD GP.
031074/7 LOW GP.
058092/7 HIGH GP.
044069/7 45TH B WING LEAD GP

AREA BOUNDED BY 043095/7, 060095/7, - LOW GP
043070/7, 060070/7

AREA BOUNDED BY 030115/7, 047115/7, HIGH GP.
030090/7, 047090/7

SECONDARY AND LAST RESORT: ANY AIRDROME POSITIVELY
IDENTIFIED AS NOT BEING NEAR
A BUILT UP AREA.

B. FORCE REQUIRED:

4TH COM WG - 4 GPS - 21 A/C PER GP.
13TH COM WG - 4 GPS - 21 A/C PER GP.
45TH COM WG - 4 GPS - 21 A/C PER GP.

C. DIVISION ASSEMBLY LINE:

SPLASHER NO 7 (12,000 FEET)	ZERO HOUR MINUS 23 MINS
SPLASHER NO 8	ZERO HOUR MINUS 5 MINS
SHOREHAM	ZERO HOUR PLUS 8 MINS

NOTE: THE 13TH WING WILL APPROACH SPLASHER NO 7 FROM THE N.E.
THE 4TH WING WILL APPROACH SPLASHER NO 7 FROM THE N.
THE 45TH WINGS WILL APPROACH SPLASHER NO 7 FROM THE N.W.

D. ROUTES:

(1) 13TH AND 4TH WINGS:

SHOREHAM	ZERO HOUR PLUS 8 MINS
4923-0056W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINS
4723-0100W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 83 MINS
4625-0138W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 105 MINS
4530-0140W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 125 MINS
4439-0145W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 143 MINS
4410-0135W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 154 MINS
4410-0118W (I.P.)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 159 MINS
TARGET (Z-353)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 169 MINS
4439-0105W (R.P. - 12,000 FT)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 172 MINS
4530-0140W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 193 MINS
4625-0138W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 215 MINS
4723-0100W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 241 MINS
4923-0056W (START DESCENT TO MIN. ALT.)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 290 MINS
SEESEY BILL BASES	ZERO HOUR PLUS 324 MINS

NOTE: 13TH AND 4TH WINGS MAINTAIN BOMBING ALTITUDE (12,000 FEET) ON ENTIRE ROUTE UNTIL DESCENT TO MINIMUM ALTITUDE IS MADE.

✓ (2) THE 45TH A AND B WINGS WILL FOLLOW 13TH WING AT A 4 MINUTE INTERVAL TO:

4723-0100W (12,000 FEET)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 87 MINS
4625-0138W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 109 MINS
4530-0140W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 128 MINS
4439-0145W (21,000 FEET)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 144 MINS
4410-0135W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 153 MINS
4410-0118W	ZERO HOUR PLUS 158 MINS
4439-0109W (I.P.)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 169 MINS
TARGET (Z-201)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 178 MINS
4457-0045W (R.P.) (20,000 FT)	
(START DESCENT TO 12,000 FEET)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 180 MINS
4530-0140W (12,000 FEET)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 195 MINS

AND FOLLOW 13TH AND 4TH WINGS AT A 2 MIN. INTERVAL

NOTE: 45TH A AND B WINGS WILL START CLIMB IN ORDER TO REACH BMXXX BOMBING ALTITUDE AT 4439-0145W

E. BOMBING ALTITUDES:

LEAD GPS 13TH AND 4TH WINGS - 12,000 FEET
 LEAD GPS 45TH A AND B WINGS - 21,000 FEET

3. A. THE 13TH WING WILL DEPART SHOREHAM AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 8 MINUTES

B. THE 4TH WING WILL ECHELON RIGHT ON THE 13TH WING

✓ C. THE 45A WING, WITH 1 GP FROM 13TH COM WG ATTACHED, WILL DEPART SHOREHAM AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 12 MINUTES.

D. THE 45B WING, WITH 1 GP FROM 4TH COM WG ATTACHED, WILL ECHELON RIGHT ON THE 45TH A WING.

X. (1) ZERO HOUR: 0930 HRS B.S.T. 27 MARCH 1944

(2) BOMB LOAD:

13TH WING: LEAD GROUP 38 X 100 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL
LOW GROUP 10 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL
HIGH GROUP MAX. LOAD M47A1 I.B.'S

4TH WING: ALL AXC 10 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL

✓ 45TH A WING: ALL A/C 10 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL

45TH B WING: LEAD GROUP 10 X 500 LB G.P. BOMBS, FUSING
1/10 NOSE, 1/100 TAIL
LOW AND HIGH GROUPS MAX. LOAD M-1 FRAG.
BOMBS.

✓ (3) IN THE EVENT ANY A/C IN THE 45TH A OR B WINGS IS UNABLE TO MAINTAIN CLIMB FROM 12,000 FEET TO BOMBING ALTITUDE, SAID A/C WILL ENDEAVOR TO JOIN THE 13TH OR 4TH WINGS.

(4) WINGS CLIMBING TO BOMBING ALTITUDE OVER ENEMY TERRITORY WILL MAINTAIN A TIGHT DEFENSIVE FORMATION THROUGHOUT ENTIRE CLIMB AND DESCENT.

(5) INTERVALOMETER SETTINGS: GPS WITH FRAG BOMBS: 125 FEET
ALL OTHER GPS: MINIMUM SETTING

4. NORMAL: COM WGS WILL FORWARD COPIES OF RESPECTIVE FIELD ORDERS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. SPLASHER BEACONS ON DURING ENTIRE MISSION

5A, 10B, 7C, 8D, 9E, 6F, 11G, 13H, 16I

B. GEE INFORMATION: EASTERN WEX WYOMING AND SOUTHERN CAROLINA CHAINS ON GRADE A TRANSMISSION DURING ENTIRE MISSION

C. MF D/F SECTION "N"

D. AUTHENTICATORS:

W/T: - BOMBER CODE GROUP FOR THE LETTER "X"

VHF: - "NEW MEXICO"

E. VHF BMXXX BOMBER FIGHTER CHANNEL "C" AMERICAN FIGHTER COMMON

F. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CALLSIGNS:

BOMBERS:

13 COMBAT WING: GOLDSMITH TWO ONE

4 COMBAT WING: GOLDSMITH TWO TWO

45 A WING GOLDSMITH TWO THREE

45 B WING GOLDSMITH TWO FOUR

GROUND SECTOR: (USSAAF) TACKLINE

USSAAF FIGHTERS: (SEE PAR 1)

G. RCM:

(1) CARPET: ALL OPERATIONAL A/C EQUIPPED WILL CARRY AND OPERATE CARPET IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS

(2) WINDOW: ALL AIRCRAFT OF THE 45-A WING WILL CARRY 280 UNITS OF CHAFF TO BE DISCHARGED IN THE TARGET AREA STARTING AT A POINT THREE MINUTES BEFORE THE IP AND CONTINUING FOR 14 MINUTES AT THE RATE OF ONE UNIT EVERY THREE SECONDS.
THE LEADING GROUP OF THE 45-B WING WILL HAVE ALL A C CARRYING 420 UNITS OF CHAFF TO BE DISCHARGED THE SAME AS THE 45-A WING BUT AT THE RATE OF ONE UNIT EVERY TWO SECONDS.

H. THE COMBAT WING LEADERS WILL SEND IN AT EACH CONTROL POINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

(1) THE CONTROL POINT AND TIME OF ACTUALLY REACHING THAT CONTROL POINT

(2) ESTIMATED TIME ARRIVAL AT NEXT CONTROL POINT

(2) WIND DIRECTION IN DEGREES

(4) WIND SPEED IN KNOTS

THE ABOVE WILL BE SENT IN BOMBER CODE BY W/T TO THE DIVISION. THE WING COLLECTIVE C/S WILL BE USED IN ADDITION TO THE LEADERS OPERATIONAL CALLSIGN

I. FREQUENCIES: DIVISION 6710 KC/S, ALTERNATE 3485 KC/S

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO 3D B.D. FIELD ORDER NO 189

TARGET Z-201

LAST COVER 23 MARCH 1944 SHOWED 20 A/C MOSTLY HW 177 IN THE
AREAS BOUNDED BY THE GROUP OF MPI'S. THIS TARGET IS AN ADVANCED
TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE ENTIRE PLAN OF THIS MISSION IS AIMED AT
CRIPPLING THE TRAINING BASES.

Z-353

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

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FLAK:

THE ROUTE ACROSS FRANCE IS BELIEVED TO BE FREE OF FLAK. THERE
MAY BE MEAGRE DEFENSES TO RIGHT AND LEFT OF COURSE AT ARIEL
AND BAYEUX, NANTES AND THE LA PALLICE-ILLE DE RE AREA ARE
HEAVILY DEFENDED AND SHOULD DEFINITELY BE AVOIDED. THERE ARE
POSSIBLE MEAGRE DEFENSES AT LES SABLES. THE TARGET IS DEFENDED
BY FORTY HEAVY GUNS AND A LEFT TURN SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY
AFTER BOMBING TO GET OUT OF FLAK QUICKLY. THIS LEFT TURN WILL
ALSO EVADE THE SIXTY ADDITIONAL GUNS IN THE AREA OF BORDEAUX FXXX
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ANNEX NO. 1 TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER 189

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT

GENERAL SUPPORT FOR ALL 3 DIVISIONS ROUTE OUT:

1 GP P-47'S 4923-0056W (DENVER ONE-ONE) ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MINS
1 GP P-47'S 4810-0100W (DENVER ONE-TWO) ZERO HOUR PLUS 66 MINS
1 GP P-47'S 4700-0115W (DENVER ONE-THREE) ZERO HOUR PLUS 91 MINS

3 DIVISION SUPPORT:

2 GPS P-38'S 4437-0145W (DENVER TWO-ONE AND TWO-TWO)
ZERO HOUR PLUS 143 MINS
1 GP P-47'S 4625-0138W (DENVER TWO-THREE)
ZERO HOUR PLUS 215 MINS
1 GP P-47'S 4723-0100W (DENVER TWO-FOUR) ZERO HOUR PLUS 241 MINS

NOTE: P-51'S WILL BE IN AREA SUPPORTING 2ND DIVISIONS FORCES.

PARA 2. D. UNDER ROUTES ADD:

CONTROL POINTS

SHOREHAM	CONTROL PT. NO 1
4923-0056W	CONTROL PT. NO 2
4439-0145W	CONTROL PT. NO 3
4625-0138W	CONTROL PT. NO 4
4723-0100W	CONTROL PT. NO 5

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13 CBW F.O. 189.

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2. A. THIS WING ATTACKS PURSUANT TO 3RD BD F.O. 189.

B. ASSEMBLY:

SOUTHWOLD (5220-0141E) ZERO MINUS 47

95TH GR FROM E AT 12,000
390A GR FROM SE AT 11,000
390B GR FROM SE AT 13,000

SPLASHER 6 ZERO MINUS 37
SPLASHER 7 ZERO MINUS 23

3. A. 95TH GR LEADS 21 A/C PLUS 6 A/C ,
LOW SQDN. FOR 390B

B. 390A GR LOW 21 A/C

C. 390B GR HIGH 15 A/C

D. 100TH GR 21 A/C ATTACHED TO 45A CBW AS HIGH GP.

X. (1) FUEL LOAD - MAXIMUM

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5. A. (1) PYROTECHNICS (2) R/T CALL SIGNS B. LEADERS

95TH GR GG
390A GR YG
390B GR R
100TH GR RG

FIREBALL ABLE
FIREBALL GREEN
FIREBALL BLUE
FIREBALL YELLOW

LT. COL. MCKNIGHT
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MAJ. DOLAN
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SECRET - 45 C.B.W. R-47-E.

45TH COMBAT WING FIELD ORDER NO. 122

1. SEE 3RD B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 189.

2. A. FORCE REQUIRED:

- 96 - 21 A/C PLUS 6 SPARES PLUS 3 A/C FLYING AS SPARES
IN COMPOSITE GROUP.
- 388 - 21 A/C PLUS 12 SHIPS AS LEAD AND LOW SQUADRONS
IN COMPOSITE GROUP.
- 452 - 21 A/C PLUS 9-SHIP HIGH SQUADRON IN COMPOSITE.

B. GROUPS WILL FORM:

- 96 - BUNCHER 9 - 3,000 FEET.
- 452 - BUNCHER 20 - 5,000 FEET.
- 388 - BUNCHER 10 - 4,000 FEET.
- COMPOSITE - BUNCHER 10 - 6,000 FEET.

C. GROUPS WILL APPROACH:

.45A WING, BUNCHER 9:

- 96 - ON COURSE TO WISBECH.
- 452 - FROM THE NORTH.
- 100 - FROM THE NORTH-EAST.

45B WING, BUNCHER 10:

- 388 - ON COURSE TO DOWNHAM MARKET.
- COMPOSITE - FROM THE EAST.
- 447 - FROM THE SOUTH.

D. ROUTES:

45A WING:

- SNETTERTON - 5,500 FEET - ZERO MINUS 55.
- WISBECH - 9,800 FEET - ZERO MINUS 39.
- CAMBRIDGE - 12,000 FEET - ZERO MINUS 28.
- SPLASHER 7 - 12,000 FEET - ZERO MINUS 19.

45B WING:

- KNETTISHALL - 6,500 FEET - ZERO MINUS 50.
- DOWNHAM MARKET - 10,000 FEET - ZERO MINUS 38.
- CAMBRIDGE - 12,000 FEET - ZERO MINUS 28.
- SPLASHER 7 - 12,000 FEET - ZERO MINUS 19.

3. A. 45A WING: 96 - LEAD.
 452 - LOW.
100 - HIGH.

45B WING: 388 - LEAD.
 COMPOSITE - LOW.
 447 - HIGH.

X. (1) TRAIN INTERVAL: PARA. 3. X. (5) IN 3 B.D. F.O.
 NO. 189.

(2) FUEL LOAD: 2700 GALLONS PLUS TOPPING.

(3) WEATHER SHIP: 452ND.

(4) IN CASE OF VERCAST OR DARKNESS, GROUPS WILL FOLLOW
 INSTRUMENT PROCEDURE AS STATED IN 49TH C.B.W.
 F.O. NO. 114.

(5) THREE SPARE A/C FROM 96TH WILL FILL IN ON COMPOSITE
 GROUP. OTHER SPARES WILL FILL IN ON ANY GROUP IN THE
 45TH COMBAT WING AND WILL FLY TO 50 DEGREES BEFORE
 RETURNING TO BASE.

(6) WINGS WILL BE CLOSED INTO TIGHT FORMATION AT CAMBRIDGE.

4. NORMAL.

5. A. PYROTECHNIC SIGNALS:

96 - YY.
 452 - GY.
 COMPOSITE - G.
 388 - RY.
 100 - RG.
 447 - R.

B. ALDIS LAMP COLORS:

96 - GREEN.
 388 - AMBER.
 452 - VIOLET.
 COMPOSITE - RED.

C. LOW A/C OF 452ND GROUP WILL OBTAIN MF/DF FIXES AT THE
 FOLLOWING TIMES: ZERO PLUS 87, ZERO PLUS 109, ZERO
 PLUS 169, ZERO PLUS 217, ZERO PLUS 243. NAVIGATOR WILL
 CHECK THESE FIXES BY PILOTAGE AND D R AND WILL ENTER
 RESULTS IN LOG.

D. LEADERS:

96 - VO FOLLOW.
 388 - MAJ. GOODMAN.
 452 - MAJ. ADAIR.
 COMPOSITE - LT. COCKRILL.

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ANNEX NO. 1 TO 45TH COMBAT WING F.O. NO. 127.

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COL. TRAVIS WILL LEAD 96TH B.G.

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